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TEUTONS ARE BUSY ENDEAVORING TO SWING AMERICAN SYMPATHY FROM THE SIDE OF THE ENTENTE ALLIES

President Wilson is Playing Into Hands of Germany by Sending Out Peace Notes; Meetings Being Organized in Interior Cities to Protest Against the Enslavement of Belgians

Washington, Jan. 4.—The peace situation, it is expected, will develop rapidly soon after the receipt of the note from the allies, in reply to President Wilson's communication of Dec. 18. The following statements are made in high official circles here.

The secret peace terms of the imperial German government are at the White House, and from the German view they are so liberal that the allies will be forced at least to consider them.

President Wilson has planned to send another peace note, probably making a more direct avowal of willingness to act as mediator, no matter how strong opposition to a German-made peace is voiced in the note from the entente allies.

It is important to point out at once that this statement was started in German quarters. Its circulation was forced in the same manner and by the same people as when other statements calculated to assist the German cause gained publicity.

That the secret peace terms were entrusted to Mr. Wilson, possibly even before Dec. 18, is confirmed in the minds of those friendly to the administration by the attitude taken at the White House and in the state department. It is nowhere denied that the secret peace terms are here. Either the terms are here or they are not. If they are not here officials of the American state department may not realize how strongly they are backing up the German peace plan in permitting it to be believed that Mr. Wilson is acting on secret information for Germany. Or perhaps they do realize it. At all events it is the apparent desire, in quarters very friendly to Germany, to have the American people believe that the peace terms are here and that they are very liberal. Liberal they are, no doubt, from the point of view of a victorious Germany. Whether the French and British would take a similar view of their liberality at least is doubtful.

Prepared for Note.

President Wilson's intentions as to sending one more note of peace and offering mediation to the nations at war does not hang, however, on his possession of secret peace terms, any more than on the contents of the forthcoming note from the allies. His friends in the senate say that he believes that he has been entirely successful, as far as he has gone. The note that came from Germany, they say, was expected, and the president is prepared for whatever the allies may write in their note.

No one here doubts the extreme anxiety on the part of Germany to keep

HOPES FOR REUNION OF CHRISTIANITY

The Pope Will Take Steps to Renew Movement; to Appoint Commission

Washington, Jan. 5.—Private letters from the Vatican received by Dr. A. Palmeri, of the library congress, announce that Pope Benedict XV. is about to appoint a commission of four cardinals to renew a movement begun by Pope Leo XIII. and abandoned by Pope Pius X., looking to a reunion of Christianity and the cultivation of friendly relations with the Anglican church. A public announcement from Rome on the subject is expected soon.

Dr. Palmeri said last night that the new movement will be directed particularly toward the establishment of a reunion of the Russian church and the papacy and to a thorough re-examination into the validity of Anglican or Episcopat ordinations which was settled in the negative in a papal bull by Pope Leo X.

The honor of presiding over the commission of cardinals, Dr. Palmeri has been informed, will be bestowed upon Cardinal Nicola Marini, who has devoted many years to scientific research and to the cause of a reunion of Christianity. The interest of the pope in the problem of Christian unity is said to have been intensified by the recent progress of the world congress, initiated by the American Episcopal church.

"The new pope," said Dr. Palmeri, summarizing the information received from Rome, "has taken a considerable part in the efforts of neutral nations to establish peace among nations and the Vatican's efforts have been suggested by a longing for Christian unity. Efforts of Leo XIII. for carrying

PREPARING FOR GREAT OFFENSIVE

BRITISH HAVE CONFIDENCE IN SIR DOUGLAS HAIG

Field Marshal's Requests for Strengthening Air Service Meets Prompt Response

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Field Marshal Haig's report, reducing to the simplest terms the battle of the Somme, is a preparation of the public mind for what is to come with fighting weather. His statement that half the German army was engaged from July to November, with thoroughly demoralizing results to the enemy, has reconciled the country to pouring its life and resources without stint into further efforts.

Manpower and fighting tackle are being piled up mountain high back of the Somme. The government and people now trust Haig, and will back him to the limit. His call for a strengthening of the aeroplane arm has received instant response in ending the government's hesitation about methods and hastened the appointment of Lord Cowdray.

MEASURE TO LIMIT ELECTION EXPENSES

Bill to Be Introduced at Next Session of Manitoba Legislature

Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—The Free Press yesterday announced that a very drastic election law is to be presented to the legislature by the government at the coming session and that it will make it illegal for any provincial party to spend more than \$25,000 in any general election. Under the proposed system, general expenses must be vouchered by the organization and it would be illegal for any private individual to disburse money for election purposes. The bill would make it illegal to hire or loan conveyances for taking voters to the polls, with the exception that conveyances might be loaned for carrying sick or infirm voters.

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PROBING "LEAK"

AT WHITE HOUSE

Brother of President Wilson's Wife Profited by Market Flurry

Washington, Jan. 5.—The names of Joseph H. Tumulty, secretary to President Wilson, and Bernard Baruch, a New York stock market operator, were linked at the House rules committee hearing to-day by Representative Wood, of Indiana, author of the resolution for investigation of whether there was a leak of information of President Wilson's peace note. He qualified his statement with a declaration that information he had was only hearsay.

Representative Wood also declared that a Washington brokerage firm, E. H. Connally & Company, of which a Mr. Boiling, a brother of President Wilson's wife, is a member, had profited by stock transactions during the market flurry. Their deals were transacted by the New York firm of E. F. Hutton & Company, he said.

NOTE FROM GERMANY

Tries to Dispel Fear in Switzerland That Neutrality Will Be Violated.

Berne, Jan. 5.—The Bund prints a note from the German legation with the object of dispelling fears aroused in Switzerland by rumors that the Germans intend to strike at France and Italy through this country. The note says: "We may once more declare that, as all Swiss know, Germany is firmly resolved to strictly respect Switzerland's neutrality."

HAVE GONE TO FRANCE

London, Jan. 5.—Gen. Turner, Sir Geo. Foster, Col. Macrae and F. B. McCurdy have gone to France.

INTERNAL CONDITIONS BECOME DESPERATE

British Blockade Has Almost Ended Capacity of Enemy for Resistance

Men and Materials Are Being Accumulated by the Allies

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WINNIPEG'S MAYOR IS COUNTED OUT

Ald. Davidson Gets Majority of Twenty Over D. J. Dyson on Recount

Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—D. J. Dyson, mayor of Winnipeg for less than one week, was in a minority of 20 when the recount of the votes cast at the recent mayoralty election was completed this afternoon. Ald. F. H. Davidson came out of the recount with a majority of twenty. Mr. Dyson's majority was announced after the election was eighteen.

Neither Mr. Dyson nor Ald. Davidson would make a statement to-day and the steps to be taken to decide definitely the mayoralty for 1917 are uncertain. It is stated that a protest may be lodged and that a new election is not an improbability. Minor and technical irregularities were discovered which, it is said, might render such a result not unexpected.

AUSTRIAN EMPEROR APPEALS TO VATICAN

Has Sent Urgent Request to the Pope to Intervene for Peace

RHEIMS CATHEDRAL

The Pope Asks Germans to Permit Repairs to Damaged Edifice.

Berlin, Jan. 5.—The Koenigliche Volks Zeitung, making a report on the visit of Cardinal von Hartmann to the occupied regions of France and performing pontifical functions there, says he acted with the express permission of the pope. "Moreover," adds the paper, "Cardinal von Hartmann, who has repeatedly conferred with the emperor on behalf of the Rheims cathedral, carried an autograph letter from the pope to the emperor, in which the pontiff asked that the German military authorities permit, under satisfactory guarantees, the restoration of the cathedral during the war, because the danger of its falling down is imminent."

WEALTHY GERMANS HOARDING MONEY

Situation Has Called Forth Protest From Minister of Interior

FEELING EFFECTS OF WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS

People Are Asked to Deliver Gold to Bank to Meet Pressing Needs

London, Jan. 5.—The surprising admission that many wealthy Germans are concealing their money, presumably against the eventuality of a German defeat, is made in the following communication from the minister of the interior in Berlin, which was printed in all the German papers:

Coupled with this comes a general understanding among allied diplomats that another German peace note, written in a minor key, is likely to arrive at any moment. Whether this note will be directed to neutral powers or to the belligerents is regarded as of little account, especially as it is generally thought that President Wilson is already acquainted with its general import.

Conference at Berlin.

It is thought that representatives of the central powers probably will convene at Berlin to discuss both this note and the general situation. This conference will also be able to study the entente reply to President Wilson's note, which it is generally believed, will indicate the sole preliminaries on which the allies are prepared to negotiate.

In this event an outline of the peace terms of both sides will be known to the world within a few days. It is the general belief that the British blockade has almost ended the capacity of the central powers for resistance.

Dispatches from Washington to the effect that President Wilson already is in possession of the German peace terms arouse only a mild interest. It is regarded as possible by a section of public opinion that negotiations may be entered into, but only if the German terms go the whole length of the demands of the entente. There are few who are sufficiently optimistic to think that the German promise, unsupported by some international agreement which is yet to be worked out, will be binding after the Belgian treaty and similar instances of her attitude toward these "scraps of paper."

Bulgaria's Attitude.

A Rotterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, which does not specify the source of its information, says Premier Radoslavoff of Bulgaria made the following statement to Hungarian journalists:

"Bulgaria has won the game and can afford to sign a peace treaty satisfactory to all. Peace is nearing quickly. We are expected to make concessions, but the greatest concession—our peace offer—has already been made."

The German emperor has sent Prince Adalbert on a secret mission to Sofia and Constantinople, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam. It is believed his visit is in connection with peace, and the prince is expected to report to headquarters before January 10.

ARTILLERY FIGHTING ON VERDUN FRONT

French Official Report Tells of Successful Operations by Aviators

Paris, Jan. 5.—There was active artillery fighting last night on the Verdun front in the vicinity of Douaumont and Vaux, the war office announced today. Elsewhere the night passed quietly. The announcement follows:

"During the night the artillery was rather active in the sectors of Douaumont and Vaux.

"Twenty of our aviators last night carried out various bombing expeditions. The enemy aviators at Matigny, Harcourt, Flete and Berne, the railway stations at Pouilly, Athies and Villevoc and the barracks at Roye were bombarded with numerous projectiles."

ACCUSED OF EMBEZZLEMENT.

Rome, Jan. 5.—Olinto Amati, twice regent of the republic of San Marino, has been arrested on a charge of embezzling two million lire of the republic's funds, according to a dispatch from Rimini, the capital of San Marino. He is reported to have made a number of unsuccessful speculations.

KILLED IN STREET FIGHT.

London, Jan. 5.—A Canadian soldier

who lost his life in a street affray at Hastings has been identified as Corp. Luger Algee, 118th Battalion, who enlisted at Valcartier in September, 1914.

OUTPOST FIGHTING.

Paris, Jan. 5.—An official report from the Macedonian front issued here today says that engagements occurred on Wednesday among advanced posts in the sector held by the Serbians.

Germany on Verge of Starvation; Authorities Reducing Allowances

Food Riots Are of Daily Occurrence; Medical Experts Say Rations Below Standard on Which Human Beings Can Live; Prussian Diet Told Situation Is Serious

London, Jan. 5.—A most careful study of the economic conditions of Germany reveals that beyond a doubt the peace offer was prompted chiefly by the reason that Germany is on the verge of starvation. This information is not based on the views of the individuals—neutrals or others—whose impressions were gained in a visit to Germany and who were generally biased. In any case their views cannot be compared with actual evidence collected directly from German newspapers.

The information shows conclusively that the end of German endurance is rapidly approaching. Scarcely a day passes without serious food riots by the underfed population being reported. While the press is complaining bitterly of the starvation of the people, the authorities continue to reduce their allowances.

Medical experts say the present ration is far below the standard on which human beings can live. Milk prices in Berlin generally have increased, with a coincident decrease in all butter fat allowances. How grave the question of the milk supply must be in countless German communities is illustrated by the conditions prevailing in Mayence, which in normal times requires a daily milk supply of 40,000 quarts. By order of the grand ducal government of Hesse the allowance has just been cut from 14,000 to 4,000 quarts a day.

Conditions affecting the potato market appear even more serious than the milk difficulties. Newspapers state that enormous quantities of potatoes which were expected to be available for the winter are frozen. The Vorwärts says the potato rationing system is hopelessly inadequate. The allowance was reduced early last month from seven to six pounds for a person each.

All these causes do not in themselves sufficiently account for the increasing withdrawal of money, however. There appears, unfortunately, to be no other solution than the supposition that a large part of the public has secretly determined to hoard sums of ready money, from the largest notes to the smallest coins. It must be pointed out that anyone who in ignorance hoards gold and fails to deliver it to the banks is sinning greatly against public welfare. The dangers of such continued action are so great that every patriotic person must now be asked to ferret out this evil procedure from house to house in the circle of his friends and acquaintances."

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REGARDS FURTHER MOVE AS USELESS

Berlin Paper Says Publication of Conditions Would Be Undignified

London, Jan. 5.—Publication of German peace conditions would be useless in view of the attitude of the British and French press, according to the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger as quoted in an Amsterdam dispatch to Reuter's. The Anzeiger bases its opinion on the resolution in the French senate that France could make no peace with an enemy who occupied French territory.

"Publication of our conditions," says this paper, "would now be undignified and moreover would not be the least use. The evacuation of French territory is made a preliminary condition for peace negotiations. Though this condition is not contained in the entente note, it still exists and therefore it is the French senate and French government who render impossible

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GOING TO ALASKA.

Halifax, Jan. 4.—Among passengers arriving here from England to-day was Percy Sholto Douglas, Marquis of Queensberry. Accompanied by his secretary, H. Stanley Waugh, he will visit Ketchikan, Alaska, to look after some mining interests.

BRITISH TREASURY NOTES.

London, Jan. 4.—Following the suspension of the issue of the exchequer bonds in preparation for the new war loan, the government authorities announced that there will be no further sale of treasury bills by the Bank of England.

DID NOT GIVE WARNING.

Charlottetown, P.E.I., Jan. 5.—The Newfoundland schooner Roma was sunk in the Mediterranean Sea on November 20, by a submarine, according to a letter received yesterday by Mrs. Thomas Laurie, wife of the master of the vessel. The Roma was two days out from Naples when Capt. Laurie says the submarine fired upon him without warning, sending twenty shots into the vessel. The captain and his crew, who are all Newfoundlanders, are now in England.

Artistic Xmas Cards (Religious subjects only) at Haynes, the Watchmaker, 1124 Government St.

MORE RAIDS BY BRITISH TROOPS

Two Trenches Entered Northeast of Arras; Artillery Activity Continues

London, Jan. 5.—The official communication issued last night by the war office says:

"Yesterday we successfully raided enemy trenches northeast of Arras. His positions also were entered by us early this morning in two places in the neighborhood of Wytschaete.

"East of Armentières, after a heavy bombardment, a party of Germans endeavored to approach our trenches. They were driven off with losses before they were able to reach our lines.

"The enemy exploded a mine early this morning north of the Bluff. The enemy's artillery activities continued, marked in the neighborhood of Ypres. Elsewhere the intermittent artillery action continued on both sides."

ARTILLERY ACTIONS.

Paris, Jan. 5.—Last night's official statement reads:

"Between the Oise and the Aisne we dispersed an enemy reconnaissance north of Fontenoy and took prisoners. Somewhat violent artillery actions took place in the sector west of the road between Soissons and Somme-Py and in the regions of Douaumont and Cote du Polvre. The usual cannonade occurred on the rest of the front.

"Aviation—About 5.30 o'clock in the afternoon a German aeroplane dropped two bombs on Compiègne. One woman was wounded. No material damage was done."

Belgian communication: "Belgian patrols also active east of Pervyse during the night. In the day there was spirited fighting in the direction of Ramscappelle and Dixmude."

ORDERS SEIZURE OF METALS.

London, Jan. 5.—A Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam says that the Maatschappij voor de scheepvaart has issued a decree ordering the seizure of all household goods made of brass, copper, tin, nickel or bronze, including kitchen utensils, door plates and door knobs. The communes have been ordered to assist in the collection.

CALIFORNIA SENATOR ATTACKS PRESIDENT

Declares Usurpation of Powers Amounts Practically to Dictatorship

Washington, Jan. 5.—Senator Works, of California, in his senatorial valedictory yesterday, assailed "the tendency toward centralized, unchecked and unlimited power" in the president of the United States and attacked growing profligacy of wealth as indications of decadence of the American government.

Washington, Jan. 5.—With the Americans "war babies" still kicking vigorously, and with hundreds of shiploads of ammunition going to the allies every month, England is preparing to manufacture a consignment of shells for the United States navy.

Secretary Daniels made the announcement yesterday that Hadfields, Ltd., of Sheffield, England, was the low bidder on contracts for 14-inch and 14-inch armor-piercing naval projectiles. Not only were their bids \$146 lower a shell on the 14-inch shells and \$27 lower on the larger ones than the lowest-American bidder, but they offered to deliver in eleven months and sixteen months respectively, while the best the American firms could do was twenty-two and twenty-four months.

Hadfields became the most competitive for naval contracts in 1912 when they underbid the American firms, on 14-inch shells by a wide margin. Frightened by this rivalry, the American manufacturers climbed down in 1914 to \$215 a shell, which was about \$200 lower than their previous bids. After the war broke out Hadfields was unable to compete, and the American prices went up \$100.

Yesterday's bid from Hadfields came as a great shock to the navy department, and it is imagined will prove a surprise to the American manufacturers. It had not been supposed that England was in a position to invade foreign fields with this class of merchandise.

While the contract will not divert an enormous amount of British labor from government work, it is a step calculated to alarm the enemy and perhaps to frighten American manufacturers into making better terms on future war contracts. Secretary Daniels commented on the wide disparity between the English bid and the American proffers. He thought it singular that American firms with their tremendous facilities were unable to compete either as to price or time of delivery with the English manufacturer.

For the 16-inch projectiles, proposals were as follows: Bethlehem Steel Co., \$4,000 in 26 months at \$775 each; Crucible Steel Co., 1,700 in 26 months at \$559; Midvale Steel Co., 1,000 in 24 months at \$500; Washington Steel & Ordnance Co., 2,500 in 32 months at \$750; Hadfields, Ltd., 3,000 in 16 months at \$513.

For the 14-inch projectiles, proposals were as follows: Crucible Steel Co., 2,000 in 42 months at \$543.50 each; Midvale Steel Co., 5,600 in 30 months at \$559; Washington Steel & Ordnance Co., 1,000 in 22 months at \$500; Hadfields, Ltd., 4,500 in 11 months at \$556. The Bethlehem Steel Co., the only bidder on the 14-inch class "B" shell, proposed to deliver 900 in 22 months at \$210. This is the first time proposals for 16-inch shells have been opened.

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CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

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Ottawa, Dec. 5.—The following list of casualties has been issued:

Infantry.

Killed in action—Pte. Achille Perrusse, Quebec; Pte. K. A. Parks, Oshawa, Ont.; Pte. Roy Robinson, St. Thomas, Ont.; Pte. A. Dionne, Oshawa, Ont.; Pte. C. G. Porter, England; Pte. H. C. Flint, England; Pte. P. F. Roy, Ottawa; Pte. Geo. Day, England.

Died of wounds—Pte. W. E. Hunt, Binghampton, N. Y.

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Previously reported missing; now reported killed in action—Pte. Arthur Parkhouse, St. Catharines, Ont.; Pte. Edward Sauve, Cornwall, Ont.; Pte. Edward Baldwin, Calgary; Pte. Wm. Law, Scotland; Pte. F. J. Cook, England; Pte. J. McLean, Cobden, Ontario.

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**WILSON'S ACTION****BARREN OF RESULTS**

Reply of Allies Will Outline Reasons for Rejecting Germany's Proposal

London, Jan. 5.—The American view that the "door remains open to peace" is regarded here as correct, only with this qualification, that Germany's needs of peace are great enough to force her to abandon the attitude of the victorious knight in shining armor riding up to the postern and hammering with mailed fist at a haughty demand for admission, for that of a suppliant girl with repentance and prepared to give those guarantees which the allies deem essential for future peace.

The utility or otherwise of President Wilson's intervention, it is said here, will depend entirely upon what is admitted to be an unknown factor, that is, what is the measure of the German recognition that the prosecution of the war must inevitably bring about changes in the war situation to her detriment.

Opinion in this matter here shows many degrees of difference. On one side are the people who cherish the belief that the president must have some special information regarding Germany's necessities and about the lengths to which she is prepared to go to obtain peace. These people are in a great minority. They are chiefly found in quarters where a direct connection is seen between Ambassador Gerard's visit to America and the president's unexpected peace suggestions. Even in this camp there are some who regard with a suspicious eye such an assumed move on Germany's part.

Proved a Failure.

On another side, and this is the predominant opinion, are those who accept the president's dissociation of his own note from the central powers' peace proposals at its face value. Among those holding this view the belief is strong that the president's intervention has not advanced the approach of peace by a single day. Peace, they say, is dependent upon Germany, and upon Germany alone.

The reply which the allies are about to make to President Wilson's note, it is believed, will make clear to the United States what are the principles which have determined the allies to refuse Germany's proposal of a conference under existing conditions. What may be the sequel to the allies' reply to the American note is a subject of deep speculation. There is little or no expectation in well-informed quarters that the matter will end there. One of the best authorities in England said yesterday: "Developments are likely to gain rather than lose in interest."

This same man, whose name would carry weight were it possible to cable it, is one of those who believe that the president's intervention has been, so far, barren of results.

MAXIMILIAN HARDEN PLEADS FOR PEACE

London, Jan. 5.—Maximilian Harden, editor of *Die Zukunft*, delivered a speech at Berlin Saturday pleading for peace by agreement, according to Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent, who quotes The Berliner Tagblatt. After referring to the enemy's miscalculation of Germany's strength, Herr Harden warned his hearers not to allow themselves to be deceived about the enemy's strength.

"Russia's resources cannot be exhausted," he said, "for, indeed, the war proceeds only on the edges of this world empire. England's hunger, moreover, is only a catchword for which there is no foundation, while France's lack of men can be balanced by British troops."

"Didn't you know that if you struck this pedestrian he would be seriously injured?" "Yes, sir," replied the chauffeur. "Then, why didn't you zigzag your car and miss him?" "He was zigzagging himself, your honor."

WAR-TIME LETTERS SUBMITTED TO COURT

German Government Was Interested in Work on Japanese Cruiser

San Francisco, Jan. 5.—Confidential war time correspondence between German Ambassador Count Bernstorff, Captain Karl Boy-Ed, naval attaché of the German embassy; former Secretary of State Bryan and the German consulate in San Francisco touching on submarine construction and the salvaging of the Japanese cruiser Asama in Turtle Bay, Lower California, was revealed yesterday in the trial of Franz Bopp for dynamiting conspiracies. E. H. von Schack, vice-consul, also a defendant with Bopp and others, offered the letters in evidence when he was recalled to the stand, to prove that C. C. Crowley, another defendant, was hired as a spy—not a dynamiter of munitions ships and trains as alleged by the government.

Letters from Boy-Ed and von Bernstorff, dated April 23 and March 26, 1915, dealt exclusively with reports forwarded by von Schack of construction of submarines for Great Britain and Russia by the Union Iron Works here.

The Bryan letter was in answer to a complaint from the local consulate that American-owned tugs out of American ports were aiding belligerent Japanese warships to strip the Asama of her guns and transfer them aboard the other warships when the Asama was fast aground in Turtle Bay in the spring of 1915.

"The government has concluded not to file a protest," wrote Bryan, then secretary of state.

Von Schack was acting consul-general at the time. The interest of the German government in the Asama incident was not generally known until von Schack offered Bryan's letter in evidence. The vice-consul said Crowley had unearthed the information upon which the correspondence was based, but he could not remember who owned the tugs that assisted in the salvaging of the Asama or what port they put out from.

At the time the Asama was aground various reports that Turtle Bay was being made a Mexican-Japanese base were in circulation.

C. M. Fickert, district-attorney of San Francisco, deserted both prosecution to-day, to testify that Charles C. Crowley used to wear a moustache. The defense in the Bopp trial is trying to break down identification of Crowley by government witnesses, who say he saw him in the Northwest when a dynamite barge was blown up in Seattle harbor early in the morning of May 30, 1915. Crowley does not wear a moustache now.

The defense closed its testimony at noon with the assertion of Lieut. George von Brincken, a consular attaché and defendant, that a plot to purchase fake passports to Germany failed when he smelled a rat." J. H. Van Kooibergen, an absentee defendant, offered to get spurious passports for him from a Hollander, von Brincken said, "but the scheme was to give them to me and then cause my arrest. I smelled the rat before I bought them."

BRITAIN HAS NEARLY 2,000,000 MEN IN FRANCE

Paris, Jan. 5.—A special Havas dispatch from the British front in France says:

"General Sir Douglas Haig to-day commands the largest army Great Britain ever raised on her soil. The number of effectives in the British army in France on January 1 was nearly two million men, completely trained and ready day or night to receive orders from their commander-in-chief. This figure only refers to the British forces in France, and is exclusive of those employed in the defence of Great Britain, and in Ireland, India, Salonica, Egypt, Mesopotamia and Africa."

BRITISH SUCCESSES
IN EAST AFRICA

London, Jan. 5.—The following official communication was issued last night:

"East Africa our forces in the vicinity of Kissaki, south of the Uluguru Hills, assumed the offensive on New Year's Day. They stormed the enemy's strongly entrenched lines in the Mota Valley, inflicting heavy casualties and capturing several guns and howitzers."

"Pursuing the enemy, we approached on January 3 the Togowali River, eleven miles northwest of Kibambwa."

"Are you living within your income?" "I am, all right, but the trouble is my wife isn't."

CANADIANS MENTIONED FOR GALLANT CONDUCT

Sir Douglas Haig's Dispatches Contain Names of Soldiers From Dominion

London, Jan. 5.—Sir Douglas Haig's dispatches concerning operations on the western front, a further instalment of which were gazetted yesterday, mention a large number of Canadian officers, N. C. O.'s and privates, in the various branches of the Dominion's forces. A further list will be issued, which consists of officers, N. C. O.'s and men of the Canadian infantry. Those mentioned in yesterday's issue are:

Headquarters—Lieut.-Col. W. B. Anderson, Engineers; Lieut.-Col. T. V. Anderson, Engineers; Major F. L. Armstrong, local forces; Major W.

Bertram, Infantry; Major H. E. Boak, Artillery; Major O. F. Brothers, Infantry; Col. H. E. Burstell, Artillery; Major C. F. Constantine, Artillery;

Major G. J. Dunnill, Infantry; Capt. R. L. Donaldson, Ordnance Corps;

Lieut.-Col. J. H. Elmsall, Dragoons; Major K. C. Folger, Ordnance corps;

Lieut.-Col. W. W. Gibson, local forces; Major F. R. Gilman, Dragoons; Major H. G. Greer, Army Service Corps;

Lieut.-Col. F. A. Hill, Infantry; Lieut. F. Homer-Dixon Cavalry; Lieut.-Col. H. T. Hughes, Engineers; Lieut.-Col. B. Hughes, Infantry; Lieut.-Col. G. Ainsliekett, Infantry; Major A. M. Jarvis, local forces; Col. H. D. Ketchen, Cavalry; Lieut.-Col. J. H. Ham, local forces; Lieut.-Col. W. B. Lindsay, Engineers; Lieut.-Col. F. L. Loomis, local forces; Major J. H. Macneil, Dragoons; Lieut.-Col. A. C. Macdonell, Cavalry; Lieut.-Col. H. McDonnell, local forces; Lieut.-Col. A. McPhail, Engineers; Lieut.-Col. E. W. Morrison, local forces; Major F. S. Morrison, Dragoons; Major A. E. Taylor, Mounted Rifles; Lieut.-Col. G. H. Tuxford, local forces; Major C. H. Vandervelde, Infantry; Major F. Walsh, Veterinary Corps; Major F. B. Ware, Infantry, and Captain W. B. Webb, Infantry; Lieut.-Col. H. J. Thacker, local forces; Lieut.-Col. P. E. Thacker, Cavalry; Major J. L. Parsons, Infantry; Captain J. D. Pitman, local forces.

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Cyclists—Pte. W. H. Smith and Sgt. A. G. Wilson.

Horse Artillery—Lieut.-Col. D. L. Eaton, Major W. G. Hargrave, Pte. H. F. Lewis and Sergt. Major W. McIntyre.

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Machine Guns—Lieut.-Col. R. Brutinel, Captain M. A. Scott, Captain P. A. McCarthy, Lieut. G. T. Scroggie, Cpl. W. J. Newton, Sergt. J. H. Patton and Sergt. W. F. Tucker.

Engineers—Lieut. F. Alport, Captain L. N. Bullock, Lieut. J. J. Dawson, Captain L. F. Grant, Major F. O. Hodgin, Major L. W. Malcolm, Captain W. F. Manhard, Captain W. M. Miller, Lieut. C. B. North, Major S. H. Osler, Captain J. M. Rolston, Captain G. H. Shaw, Major C. T. Trotter, Lieut.-Col. Weatherbee, Sergt. J. Boyd, Sergt. W. C. Cook, Sergt. W. F. Cowans, Sergt. D. C. Johnston, Pte. G. H. Keen, Sergt. D. C. McDougal, Pte. J. O. Oag, Sergt. G. Russell and Cpl. W. F. Whyte.

Signal Corps—Major T. E. Powers, Lieut. G. Frampton, Lieut. W. McIntosh, Lieut. H. T. May, Sergt. H. M. Bennett, Sergt. S. A. Dow, Sergt. J. S. Lowther, Pte. J. E. Ward, and Cpl. T. Wells.

CHANGE OF ATTITUDE
ON PEACE QUESTION

London, Jan. 5.—According to the Cologne Gazette, a copy of which has been received here, the German Socialist minority and the Spartacus group propose to separate entirely from the Socialist party at a meeting to be held on January 12.

Advices received from Amsterdam say the trouble is due to the peace question.

A Reuter's Amsterdam dispatch says the Socialist party committee has published a statement in the Vorwärts denouncing the proposed meeting as incompatible with the unity and organization of the party, and warning Socialists against participating in it.

An Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that exceptional importance is attached to the meeting, which will discuss peace.

The dispatch says that the event may mark the beginning of a complete reversal of the Socialist attitude toward peace, especially as the minority group is preponderant among Saxon Socialists, at whose headquarters in Dresden the meeting will be held.

Two soldiers caused some amusement at a golf course the other day. The first man teed up and made a mighty swipe, but failed to shift the ball. The miss was repeated no fewer than three times. His pal was unable to stand it any longer. "For heaven's sake, Bill," he broke out, "hit the bloomin' thing. You know we have only four days' leave."

"The doctor says I am working too hard." "I'd put more faith in that diagnosis if it came from your boss."

WOMEN IMPRISONED FOR STEALING FOOD

Burgomaster of Vienna Threatens to Resign Unless Supplies Are Received

Geneva, Jan. 5.—The burgomaster of Vienna, Dr. Weiskirchner, threatens to resign if Hungary continues to refuse to send food to Vienna, according to reports received here. He is quoted as saying that the prisons are filled, chiefly with women and children convicted of having stolen food, while housewives are afraid to go shopping for food, even in the principal streets, owing to robberies and assaults. The Swiss and German papers are crowded with advertisements for Swiss servants to go to Germany, the reason being that every Swiss in Germany is allowed to receive from home weekly ten pounds of foodstuffs.

The commissioner, in dealing with the purchase of the submarines, calls attention to the comparatively undefended state of British Columbia's coast at the outbreak of war, and the presence of enemy ships in the Pacific, and says:

"In camera evidence contains details of the official instructions received by the naval authorities to expect an immediate attack. The submarines were highly desirable for defense purposes."

He finds that the vessels purchased were efficient fighting machines. The price of \$1,150,000 paid by Sir Richard McBride, and afterwards by the Dominion government, was in excess of the original contract price at which the Seattle Construction & Drydock Co., as sub-contractors for the Electric Development Co., of New Jersey, built the submarines to the order of the Chilean government. The contract price was \$818,000. The commissioner gives consideration to the general advance in prices after the time the contract price was fixed, this price being in itself a low one, and says: "To have refused the two submarines because the price was high would have meant more than a mistake of judgment, it would have been indefensible."

Sir Charles reviews the whole transaction and finds as to the distribution of the purchase price it is conclusively shown that not a cent of it has been paid out for commissions or for any assistance with regard to the transaction."

Addressing specifically to Sir Richard McBride, the commissioner says: "It is cause for congratulation to all Canadians that this much discussed and criticized enterprise was thoroughly of a blameless character. The acquisition of these submarines probably saved us. It is believed by many, including high naval authorities, the cities of Victoria and Vancouver, or one or other of them, from attack and enormous tribute. What Sir Richard McBride in those days of great anxiety and distress accomplished deserves the commendation of his fellow-countrymen. His motives were those of patriotism and his conduct that of an honorable man."

The findings in regard to the sale to the admiralty through the medium of Sir Trevor Dawson and J. Wesley Allison of some three million rounds of ammunition by the militia department are that the price of \$20 per thousand was not an under-valuation as alleged, that while there is evidence that \$25

was to be the ultimate price the account is still open, that there is no evidence of Allison benefiting from the transaction other than by commissions and that Gen. Sir Sam Hughes, on the evidence we may well recall the Bruce and Marabout reports."

The Evening Standard says: "These allegations against the medical service formed one of the most unpleasant matters with which Sir George Perley had to concern himself after assuming office, but he met the situation with courage and wisely sought for an inquiry by a board composed of leading medical men both in the Imperial and Canadian forces. In all but a few particulars the board has reported favorably on Surgeon General Carlton Jones, who built up the service and was in supreme command of it until quite recently, when the late minister of militia sent over an eminent Toronto medic, who was given the rank of inspector general and reported in favor of top-to-bottom changes."

The Westminster Gazette, after reviewing the findings of the Bruce commission, exclaims: "It is little wonder that Col. Bruce is no longer permitted by the Canadian government to be special inspector general."

The Evening Standard says: "The count

REPORTS ON PURCHASE OF SUBMARINES

Sir Charles Davidson's Findings Have Been Issued at Ottawa

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—Vindication of the activity of the government in purchasing two submarines for the Pacific coast at the outbreak of the war, general conclusions on the numerous inquiries he has held and specific findings in regard to the sale of small arms ammunition are contained in the first installment of Sir Charles Davidson's report, made public last night.

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AUSTRIA IN EXTREMIS?

A London dispatch says the Emperor and Empress of Austria have sent a special emissary to the Vatican urgently requesting the Pope to intervene for peace. While this report may be denied at Rome and Vienna there is no doubt that the dual monarchy, the agency through which this war was started by Prussia, is desperately anxious to make peace either with or without association with Germany. Internal conditions there are so serious that the Emperor realizes that he must evacuate his country from the war as best he can soon or he will lose it. He already has dismissed the old brigade who intruded with Potsdam for the precipitation of the conflict while Count Tisza's ascendancy is at an end and that dangerous conspirator is about to be overthrown.

We often wonder if those war prophets who still see two years of conflict ahead ever take note of Austria-Hungary and the effect its detachment from the Teutonic combination would have upon the German state of mind, already depressed almost to zero, as well as upon Germany's economic position and the position of Bulgaria and Turkey. Yet Austria's withdrawal from her allies is inevitable unless German armies depose her ruler and annex the whole empire, which means that Hungary, at least, would turn against them. It is the weakest part of the chain, the part which has to bear the greatest strain, which snaps first. In the Germanic chain the weakest part is Austria and it is Austria that is suffering most, internally and externally. Moreover, of all the nations of Europe the empire of the Hapsburgs contains the greatest number of combustible elements. It is alarm over Austria's possible course which prompts the desperate German peace drive as much as the tribulations and anxieties of the German people, for if Austria withdrew, Bulgaria would follow and Germany's connection with Constantinople would be at an end.

As the allies will hold fast one of two alternative developments may be forecasted. Either Germany will attempt a coup against Austria with the mailed fist and court a Hungarian revolt or Austria will seek a separate peace. If a separate peace is sought the allies may be more lenient with Austria than she deserves because of the effect a settlement in that quarter would have upon their relations with the greater culprit. Nor should it be forgotten that an Austrian withdrawal might have a very potent bearing upon the attitude of Bavaria and Saxony and the other south German states. We may yet see an isolated Prussia fighting a hopeless battle for its ascendancy over middle Europe. But let us not run away with the idea that in the military situation on either the east or west fronts necessarily lies the key to the overthrow of the Teutonic combination. What we know is going on inside Austria and Germany is very largely the outcome of the silent, throttling pressure of British sea-power upon the nerve centres of Teutonic military might.

THE REASON WHEREOF.

The morning paper, in discussing Quebec's attitude to the war, quotes a Montreal correspondent of the Toronto Star as saying "the apathy in that province arises from a belief that Canadians are being used simply as a screen for British troops in the field." "If this is true," our contemporary adds, "we fancy investigation would disclose that German influence has been successfully exercised to keep the facts from reaching the people. But granting the existence of the ignorance referred to, whose fault is it that the people are not better informed?"

No investigation is necessary to reflect the theory that German influence may be at work in Quebec—as it has been shown to be in North Waterloo, Ontario. The record speaks for itself. The "belief that Canadians are being used, as a screen for British troops in the field" carries us to the by-election in Brudenell-Arthabasca in November, 1910, which consummated the marriage of the present government—then in opposition—with the Nationalists led by Henri Bourassa. The issue was the Laurier navy bill. The candidates were Liberal and Nationalist. There was no Conservative by arrangement. In that campaign the most violent attacks were made upon Britain, British connection, Laurier and the navy programme. Hon. P. E. Blondin, present Secretary of State, declared that it had been "necessary for Canadians to shoot holes in the Union Jack to breathe the air of liberty." Hon. Albert Savigny, now speaker of the House of Commons, was reported as saying:

"Our freedom cost us dear. I am surprised that one of the members of the House of Commons, whom you have enriched (Laurier), should come to you and say: 'Lie down; crawl before the English, who impose their measures on us.'

The Nationalist campaign pamphlet, the circulation of which was financed out of the Conservative campaign fund in Montreal, said: "It is an abominable law, this law of blood which Laurier wants to ram down the throats of the electors of Arthabasca." On September 12, 1910, Bourassa himself, at a public meeting in the district said: "An agent of the government with the accused naval act in his hands will say to the mothers of Quebec: 'Good mother, thou must give thy sons, not to defend their native soil, but to fight on all lands and seas of the world for the English flag.' After the election was won by the Nationalist candidate, one Tancrede Marcile shouted: 'It is vengeance for the shots of St. Eustache. Those who were hanged on the gallows to defend our liberties are now avenged.'

In the election of 1911, when by virtue of the new alliance no Conservative ran in Quebec, the issue was again the navy, not reciprocity, and the same bumbomb which did service in the by-election was reeled off by the Nationalist speakers, some of whom are members of the present Canadian cabinet.

The result was the election of more than a score of Nationalists who ever since have sat behind Sir Robert Borden in the House of Commons. Since the present war began Henri Bourassa from the platform and in Le Devoir, his paper, has been continuing the anti-British propaganda which was so joyously accepted by the present government in November, 1910, and September, 1911, that its party managers paid the cost of it. The other day in the course of a scurrilous attack upon Britain, the British and Laurier—he boasted very gently with Borden—he boasted that he had hampered recruiting in Quebec. He thus publicly confessed that he had been guilty of a serious offence against the law of this country. Nothing, however, was done to him. No attempt has been made to stop him. Why? Had he been in England or France he would have been arrested long ago.

The present apathy of Quebec and the "belief that the Canadians are being used as a screen for British troops in the field" is not an unexpected sequel to the unnatural alliance against Laurier which was formed in 1910 and which exists still, judging by the immunity given to Henri Bourassa's sedition. Nor has any serious attempt been made to overcome the handicap which this coalition and its consequences imposed upon recruiting in Quebec. Nobody in that province could be expected to pay any serious attention to Hon. Mr. Blondin and Hon. Mr. Patenaude, now suddenly turned fervent loyalists, in view of their recent former record.

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opposition allowed itself to be driven by political schemers into an unnatural alliance with Henri Bourassa in 1910 is handicapping the military effort of this country to-day all along the line.

THAT GRAVING DOCK.

We are less impressed with the argument of the Esquimalt Graving Dock Committee that the early construction of a new dock would be in pursuance of the Terms of Union than with its other contention that it is a requirement of national interest and necessity. The government might debate the former point, but it could not escape the second one. Adequate docking facilities at Esquimalt form an important part of measures for national defence on this coast, and the government will be as lacking in foresight if it does not commence work soon as it was a few years ago, when it returned to British shipbuilders their tenders for the construction of cruisers and destroyers in Canada on the ground that vessels of this character would be useless in a war, and that, anyway, this country could not build up a navy in fifty years. The question of a new dock at Esquimalt is one of the matters to which Mr. Brewster might draw to the attention of the federal government during his visit to the capital as a reinforcement of the representations of the Esquimalt Graving Dock Committee and the Board of Trade.

RETURNED SOLDIER PROGRAMME

It is to be hoped that the conference between the national government and provincial premiers which is to be attended by Mr. Brewster will evolve some adequate scheme of dealing with the returned soldier problem as well as other urgent matters that must arise from the war. At the same time the fact must not be overlooked that the chief burden of the situation created by the great conflict must rest upon Ottawa. There should be no attempt by the federal authorities to escape responsibility for solving these problems by delegating them to the provinces. The national government alone has the power and resources to meet the demands this solution will involve. It has a large revenue and great borrowing authority. Moreover, if it finds its financial supplies strained by other exigencies it has an inviting field for fresh taxation in the enormous contracts for munitions which have been awarded and which are going to be awarded on an even greater scale. So far that taxation relatively has been negligible. In comparison with the war levy upon the general population in the form of increased postage-charges, high customs duties and other imposts it scarcely amounts to anything. If the Canadian government dealt with this matter as decisively and determinedly as the British government dealt with it, a very large portion of Canada's war cost could be financed out of excess munitions profits.

Undoubtedly the provinces will be only too willing to co-operate with the national government in regard to returned soldiers to the extent of their resources. As far as the land question is concerned the new British Columbia government has in contemplation steps which should be of material assistance to any general scheme. At the same time, it must not be taken for granted that its experience at the battlefield has converted the Canadian army en masse into a host of ardent agriculturists. Soldiers cannot be wished or forced upon the land whether they want to go or not. They remain very much the same as they were in civil life in respect of their normal activities. Only a fraction of them will be absorbed into agricultural pursuits. Thus the solution of the returned soldier problem must have a great many more aspects than that of land settlement. In the last analysis it involves the improvement of the economic and social conditions of the country as a whole. It requires sound policies on the part of governments, national, provincial and municipal; the strengthening of the country's credit; the encouragement of trade and industry and an equitable distribution of the burden of taxation. The returned soldier problem is really the problem of the nation itself. It cannot be solved, except in a minor degree, by being treated in a separate capacity.

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Hudson's Bay "Imperial" Lager Beer, quarts, 3 for 50¢.

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Calling of Parliament—In an extra of the Canada Gazette is notice of the calling of the parliament of Canada for the dispatch of business on Thursday, January 18.

Oak Bay Concert—The weekly Saturday night Popular concerts in aid of the Oak Bay Red Cross Society are being resumed this week at the Oak Bay theatre, when there will be a mixed programme of vocal and instrumental selections, readings and sketches. The entertainment commences sharp at 8.

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AT THE THEATRES

COMING NEXT WEEK.

Patrons of the Royal Victoria theatre will be interested in the announcement of the appearance on Monday next for four days, of Clara Kimball Young in the widely advertised Selznick-Picture production of Robert W. Chambers' noted novel "The Common Law." The picture was directed by Albert Capellani and in the cast surrounding the beautiful and popular star will be such noted players as Conway Tearle, Paul Capellani, Edna Hunter, Lillian Cook, Julia Stuart, Edward M. Kimball, Lydia Knott, and D. J. Flannigan.

MARGUERITE CLARK AT DOMINION.

Those who enjoy a really delightful comedy will be amply repaid by visiting the Dominion this week-end. "Miss George Washington" with Miss Clark in the leading role, is the most up-to-date; the best production Miss Marguerite Clark has appeared in. The story tells of a school girl who could not tell the truth and in consequence was named Miss George Washington. Playing opposite Miss Clark is Niles Welsh, a young actor who gives a performance that would do credit to one of more years. He plays the part to the life. In the strong supporting cast are Frank Lloyd and Herbert Prior, two excellent actors. The picture is finely staged and directed by Searle Dawley. A steady ripple of mirth heard throughout the entire picture was evidence that last night's capacity audience at the Dominion found Miss Clark more captivating than ever. As capacity houses are assured nightly, patrons are advised to attend the matines whenever possible.

THE VARIETY.

"The Measure of a Man," to be exhibited in Bluebird Photoplays at the Variety theatre, to-day and to-morrow, will present two stars, favorites with devotees of Bluebird, in the leading roles. J. Warren Kerrigan, matinee idol of a thousand female "fans," will have for his leading lady Louise Lovey, a girl whom every man who has watched her upon the screen will agree that she fully realizes in a physical way the description implied in her name.

Both of these favorites have been individual stars in earlier Bluebirds. Miss Lovey made her American debut in Bluebirds upon her arrival from Australia, less than ten months ago. She was first engaged as an "extra" in the company cast to present "The Grip of Jealousy," but after her first day's work she was advanced to the star role, when the girl assigned to play the lead, in the opinion of the director, proved disappointing.

ROYAL VICTORIA.

In "Caprice of the Mountains" which is the attraction at the Royal Victoria again to-night and to-morrow, the public will have its first view of June Caprice, a "made-to-measure" film star presented on the screen by William Fox. He actually discovered this girl, whom he deems the most fascinating young woman in America. He has set his heart on making her the greatest young film star in the entire world.

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Will you, the great picture public in all parts of this country, agree with William Fox? Will you think her as beautiful and winsome as he thinks she is? Will you, in a few months or a year from now, be calling her name as you have in the past called the names of Mary Pickford, dainty little Vivian Martin, who played the slavey in "Merely Mary Ann," and as you now talk of the tremendously popular Theda Bara?

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THE COLUMBIA

Constructed by Gabriele D'Annunzio, Italy's foremost poet and dramatist, with a special score by Signor Manlio Mazzo, produced at a cost of a quarter of a million dollars, a sum exceeding the production expenses of ten of the largest of comic operas and being presented in only the high class theatres, with a symphonic orchestra and chorus, "Cabiria" has gratified the ambitions of the directors of the Itala Film Company, by reaching the highest point attainable in the amusement world. Their previous production "The Fall of Troy" was unanimously declared a wonderful photographic achievement, but, "Cabiria" surpasses them all and can only be compared with "The Passion Play," as played by Anton Lang at Oberammergau, and "Jean D'Arc" as played by Maude Adams at the Harvard Stadium.

It would have been impossible to have produced "Cabiria" in the same manner as the two aforementioned spectacles, as five thousand actors and supers were necessary to the completion of the picture and it is doubtful that any particular spot in the world would have afforded the unusual scenic investiture which became a part picture only after six different countries had been visited and two years' time had been spent.

If "Cabiria" had been presented in that way, only those with sufficient resources to enjoy a European trip could have witnessed the exhibition, as in the case of "The Passion Play." It was the intention of the Itala company to present this romantic, historical drama as an educational feature for the masses and that they have succeeded is proven by the capacity audiences that are daily witnessing the

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A Story of the Great Out-of-Doors.

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LOUISE LOVELY in

"THE MEASURE OF A MAN"

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MONDAY, JAN. 8—ALL WEEK

"Cabiria"

Presented by Itala Film Co.

One Year in New York

Six Months in Boston

Five Months in Chicago

10—Piece Orchestra—10

performances wherever it is being shown, and the announcement that "Cabiria" will be presented in Columbia theatre, with a special orchestra under the direction of Maurice Le Plat.

For so small an island, Zee, where some survivors of the British have landed, filled a large part on the Greek stage. On the site, about the size of Greater London, were four famous ancient cities, remains of which can be identified. Mount Elias, as of old, towers over Ceos—in its new style; and the ruins of the acropolis prove that the tiny island was big enough to send a contingent of men to fight with the Greeks at Salamis. Three ruined temples of Apollo and an almost perfect Hellenic tower offer tempting bays to the explorer. No better landing place could be desired for castaways, for the island is still the most fruitful of the Cyclades, and its old name of Hydroussa testifies to an ample supply of "good water."—London Chronicle.

If "Cabiria" had been presented in that way, only those with sufficient resources to enjoy a European trip could have witnessed the exhibition, as in the case of "The Passion Play." It was the intention of the Itala company to present this romantic, historical drama as an educational feature for the masses and that they have succeeded is proven by the capacity audiences that are daily witnessing the

"HIAWATHA"

Daisy Chain Chapter Performance to Be Saturday Night at Old Victoria Theatre.

The final dress rehearsal for "Hiawatha" takes place this evening and the performance will be to-morrow at 8 p. m. in the old Victoria theatre. The members of the Daisy Chain Chapter, the regent of which is Mrs. D. E. Campbell, have rehearsed daily for the last two weeks, and the play will be most interesting, every character fully understanding her own impersonation. Miss Charlotte Spencer will render a solo, and Mrs. Roberts' orchestra is kindly providing typical Indian selections. Tickets may be had at Messrs. Williams' drug store, Short, Hill & Duncan, Cochrane's drug store, Angus-Campbell Co., Ltd., Fletcher Bros., and D. E. Campbell's.

The cast is as follows:

Prologue . . . Spoken by Miss May Dorrell

Hiawatha (a boy of 10) . . . Miss Mary Ross

Hiawatha, the Indian brave . . . Miss Margaret Campbell

Minne-ha-ha (Hiawatha's wife) . . . Miss Katie Collison

Nokomis (Hiawatha's grandmother) . . . Miss Dorothy McDiarmid

I-a-go, a boaster . . . Miss Laura Macklin

Pau-pa Keeewis (a top and best dancer) . . . Miss Ethel Rhodes

Arrowmaker (Minne-ha-ha's father) . . . Miss Ruthie Nicoll

Chibitobis (the sweet singer) . . . Miss Charlotte Spencer

Lazy Kwasind (the strong man) . . . Miss Aldersey Hallam

Prest . . . Miss Dorothy Nicoll

White man . . . Miss Doris Macklin

Mondamin, incarnation of Indian maize . . . Miss Doris Macklin

First Ghost . . . Miss Dorothy Nicoll

Second Ghost . . . Miss Doris Macklin

Famine . . . Miss Dorothy Nicoll

Exile . . . Miss Doris Macklin

Mahla, Dacotah and Ojibway tribes . . . Misses Mary Campbell, Mona Miller, Thelma Wilkerson, Dorothy Norris, Millicent Umbach, Emily Hanington

Braves of both tribes . . . Misses Dorothy Robertson, Violet Josephine, Kathleen Muir.

Squaws of Ojibway tribes . . .

Misses Marjory Brewster, Edith Elters, Millicent Umbach, Emily Hanington

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CHILDREN'S GIFT TO BELGIAN LITTLE ONES

Twenty-Eight Thousand Dollars Subscribed by School Pupils of Province

His honor the lieutenant governor has had the great pleasure of being able to send forward a cheque for \$28,982.13 to the credit of the Belgian Children's Relief Fund.

This represents the generous gift of the school children of British Columbia to the relief of the little ones of Belgium, who are suffering so much through the devastation of their country by the common enemy.

Below is given the final returns of subscriptions from the schools of the province, this being supplementary to the returns already given:

Cities.

Armstrong: High School Domestic Science Class \$2,325

Duncan: Public School \$7,000

Vancouver, North: Capilano \$15,000

Municipalities.

Chilliwack: Atchelitz, Div. 1 \$5,300

Do. Div. 2 \$3,200

Do. Div. 3 \$1,500

Lothiniere \$13,600

Cowichan, North: Chemainus (additional) \$20,000

Delta: Ladner, High and Public \$15,800

Westham Island \$7,600

J. B. Burr \$10,000

Sale of goods \$10,000

Sunnybank \$13,000

Langley: Otter \$25,000

Maple Ridge: Jane \$7,450

Maple Ridge \$51,800

Whonnock, Div. 1 \$3,000

Matsqui: Bradner, Dunach, Mount Lehman \$42,500

Penticton: Poplar Grove \$8,000

Surrey: Halls Prairie \$18,000

Mud Bay \$18,000

White Rock (additional) \$5,000

Vancouver, North: North Star \$24,480

Vancouver, South: High School \$400,000

Rural and Assisted Schools.

Abbotsford \$107,35

Ashcroft \$21,40

Athlone \$26,75

Carlton Siding \$12,00

Castlegar \$33,00

Clinton \$33,90

Discovery \$23,25

Field \$35,75

Eldo and Halltop \$41,00

Fruitlands \$36,00

Ganges \$11,00

Glenora \$29,15

Hosmer (additional) \$1,25

Kundis \$10,00

Nakusp \$36,25

Okeover Arm \$19,00

Ogalla (additional) \$1,00

Oyama \$50,00

Rutland \$50,00

Shaw Cove \$3,50

Shuswap Falls \$10,00

Sullivan Valley \$40,00

Valdez Island \$8,00

Wynndell \$23,55

Japanese Methodist Women's Assoc., New Westminster \$10,00

\$2,024.18

Previously acknowledged \$26,960.03

\$28,084.21

PROVINCIAL FUND BETTER SUPPORTED

"PUSS IN BOOTS" NETS A GENEROUS AMOUNT

Contributions for December to Patriotic Work Exceed Any Previous Month

Contributions received by the Canadian Patriotic Fund, British Columbia provincial branch, for the month of December, 1916, amount to \$39,751.00—\$45,250.79 from provincial points and \$11,508.24 from Victoria city. Contributions received from the following points:

Agassiz \$6,00

Armstrong 500.00

Ashcroft 203.75

Atlin 231.00

Athlone 27.00

Abbotsford 450.00

Alert Bay 42.00

Barkerdale 21.00

Buckles 67.25

Britannia Mines 2,552.39

Chase 250.00

Cowichan Station 109.00

Cranbrook 1,206.92

Creston 152.75

Courtney 100.00

Chilliwack 500.00

Endeby 22.50

Fairview 13.31

Fernie 2,211.25

Fort Steele 26.00

Fort St. John 10.00

Fraser Mills 500.00

Field 32.50

Golden 46.00

Grand Forks 284.00

Greenwood 1,045.61

Hazeltown 500.00

Hedley 774.00

The following is a detailed statement of receipts, expenses and distribution of the net proceeds:

Total sale of seats \$5,992.65

Profits on programmes 200.00

Total receipts \$5,792.65

Expenses.

Theatre \$1,300.00

Profess. labor account, stage hands, music, etc. 273.00

Transfer and carriage 7.50

Agent of Old Victoria theatre, per Griffiths Co. 12.50

Nanaimo \$1,593.00

Costumes—

Hire of costumes from the Brockville Co. \$175.00

Material from D. Spencer & Co. 106.22

Travelling expenses, Mr. Hincks and Mrs. Davies to Victoria, for hire of sundry costumes 20.00

Freight from Seattle 2.00

Leather for boots 4.75

Sundry purchase of material 19.62

Wigs and grease paint from Mrs. Ross 27.00

Properties—

Materials for all stage properties, i.e., submarine, royal coach, elephant, rocks, logs, etc., as per account rendered by Mr. Stewart 55.63

Mr. Hincks and Mrs. Davies to Victoria, for hire of sundry costumes 20.00

Properties and costumes as per account rendered by Mr. Carroll 26.00

Lumber, etc., to make butcher's shop and other properties 2.80

Properties in connection with scenery and properties 23.85

Showcards50

Rubber stamp65

Postage stamps 1.00

Total expenses 30.70

Refractories—

Meals served by Messrs. Terry's Drug Store to 137 people at theatre during interval between matinees and evening performances, Saturday, at cost 20.53

Cost of posters as per Mr. Henrill's account rendered 4.70

To which must be added the sum of \$66.85, which was subscribed by a few people of Victoria and given to Superfluities for the purpose of buying tickets for the pantomime and Christmas cheer for the children of our fighting men at the front 66.85

Making a net profit on the whole production of \$3,361.14

The above amount has been distributed as follows:

To purchase of seats for soldiers' children at the Saturday matinee, per Mrs. R. S. Day \$50.00

To purchase of presents for soldiers' children, per Mrs. R. S. Day 308.35

To donation Navy League, I.O.D.E. 50.00

To purchase 1,640 programmes donated to children of soldiers and sailors 145.00

Cheque to Canadian Red Cross Society 1,600.00

Cheque to Canadian Red Cross Society on behalf of the French Red Cross Society 1,600.00

Check to Superfluities for contingency account 144.10

*This sum will be kept by the Superfluities for a day or two in case any account has not been rendered (the utmost would only be a few dollars), and then a cheque will be handed to the Red Cross Society for the amount of this balance.

The above accounts of receipts and expenditures have been duly checked and certified by the undersigned:

(Signed) HENRY PEARCE.

PHILIP D. GOEPFEL

E. E. BILLINGHURST.

"Eddie," said the grocer to his clerk, who bought that mouldy cheese yesterday. "Mrs. Jones, sir?" "And those fibulous biscuits?" "Mrs. Jones, sir." "And those eggs we couldn't sell last week?" "I let Mrs. Jones have them cheap, sir, as she was giving a good order." "And that tin of corned beef—the one we had to paint over because it was so old that the paint fell off?" "Mrs. Jones took that, too, at half price." "What's the matter, sir? Are you ill?" inquired the clerk as the grocer put a frown on his face. "No," replied the grocer, "only I accepted an invitation to take dinner at Mrs. Jones's house tonight."

The WEATHER Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.



Victoria, Jan. 5—5 a. m.—Since yesterday an ocean storm area has crossed Vancouver Island to the interior. It has caused high winds and gales, and heavy rains on the Coast, Strait and Gound, and heavy rains on the Lower Mainland. Snow is falling in Cariboo and intense cold prevails in Atlin and the Yukon, and zero temperatures are general in the prairie provinces.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday.

Victoria vicinity—Fresh to strong southerly and westerly winds, partly cloudy, stations or lower temperature.

Lower Mainland—Southerly and westerly winds, partly cloudy, with occasional rains, lower temperature.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.62; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 42; wind, 21 miles S. W.; rain, .41; weather, fair.

Vancouver—Barometer, 29.56; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 40; wind, 18 miles S. W.; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.44; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 41; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.44; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, cloudy.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.52; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 40; wind, calm; snow, .20; weather, cloudy.

Port Alberni—Barometer, 29.52; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 40; wind, 25 miles S. E.; snow, .20; weather, snowing.

Winnipeg—Barometer, 29.44; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 40; wind, 2

SPORTING NEWS

PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR SOCCER GAMES

Game at Beacon Hill Will Be Featured by Presence of 143rd Battalion's Band

If the weather remains favorable there is every prospect that soccer enthusiasts will have an opportunity of seeing some very good games in both the senior and intermediate leagues tomorrow. Last Saturday the weather conditions were such that the games had to be postponed, and the players were given a holiday from their strenuous afternoon's work. This week, therefore, finds them ready to go at the game with renewed energy, and all who turn out to any of the matches are assured of seeing some good work.

A feature of the game at Beacon Hill between the Victoria Wests and the B. C. Bantams, which starts at 2.30, will be the presence on the field of the battalion band, which will render several selections during the afternoon. H. B. Robinson will referee this match. The other games are:

Senior League.

Willows Camp vs. V. I. A. A., at Willows parade grounds. Referee, P. C. Payne.

Garrison vs. Navy, at Work Point. Referee, A. Lockley.

Intermediate League.

Centrals vs. James Bays, at Central Park. Referee, Sgt. Teifer.

Congos vs. Retailers, Beacon Hill upper ground. Referee, P. Pike.

The following line-ups have already been announced:

Bantams—Lieut. Meredith; Harker, Thompson; Jasper, Hornsby, Blakelock; Syer, Johnson, Youson, Cornwall, Wilkie. Reserves, Lister, Burne, Burns.

Navy—Long; Smith, Rutter; Bridgewater, Davis, Cronin, Hillier, Johnson, Merfield, Burt, Crozier.

V. I. A. A.—Le Fevre; Brown, Elliott; Cummings, Taylor, Davies; McGregor, Down, Adam, Speak, Tichen. Reserves, McArthur, Dunbleton.

Victoria Wests—Mickerton; White, Allan; Petticrew, McLeod, Sherritt; T. Peden, Petticrew, Thomas, Another.

BASKETBALL GAMES AT Y. M. C. A. TO-DAY

Some good boys' basketball will be seen at the local Y. M. C. A. this evening, starting at 8 o'clock. Five Empire League games are to be played:

At 7.15—The Achilles play the Spartans (B).

At 7.35—The Romans (B) play the Spartans (B).

At 8.00—The Business Boys' Club plays the Minnows.

At 8.30—The Metropolitans play the Acha Coos.

At 9.00—The St. John's Club play the Centennial Boys' Club.

TRAINING FOR RACES.

Toronto, Jan. 5.—Those who followed Tom Longboat through his ramifications as a private and non-commissioned officer in the Sportsmen's Battalion, now training in England, will perhaps not be surprised to read the following message which has been received here:

"Tom Longboat, the Canadian Indian long-distance runner, is reported at Hot Springs, Ark., in training for professional races, one of which may be held in Madison Square Gardens, New York, February next, against Alfred Shrubb and several other prominent runners."

"Everybody at the party was talking at once." "They were quite right," commented Miss Cayenne. "Everybody might as well talk. There was absolutely no fear of interrupting anything worth listening to."

WANDERER STAR



ODIE CLEGHORN
ARMED

BASKETBALL LEAGUE OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Complete Schedule of Games Covering Three Months

The schedule committee of the Sunday School Basketball League of Victoria met Wednesday night and prepared a schedule of games for the ladies and intermediate divisions. In each of these five teams have entered. In the intermediate division the following teams are entered: Congregationalists, Metropolitans, Presbyterians, "A" and "B," and James Bays, and in the ladies' division, Congregationalists, Belmonts, Reformed Episcopalians and Presbyterians "A" and "B." The schedule arranged provides for each team in both divisions playing the other teams in their respective division three times, making a total of 30 games.

There are four entries in the senior division as follows: James Bays, Congregationalists, Crusaders and Presbyterians. The schedule for this division has not been drawn up yet, on account of three of these teams being entered in the City League, and as its schedule runs well into April, the schedule committee of the Sunday School League have decided not to begin the senior division until March 6, and will conclude about the 17th of April, provision having been made for these games in the other schedules.

"All the Sunday School League games will be played in First Presbyterian church gymnasium, referees are being arranged for, and great interest and activity is now being manifested in this indoor game, now that the league games are about to begin.

In the ladies' and intermediate series First Presbyterian church have entered two teams and in the senior division, with commendable sporting spirit, the Congregationalists have entered two teams. First Presbyterian church, although mourning the loss of four of their last year's champion teams, have entered a five. The secretaries of all Sunday schools, or those in charge of the basketball teams, are reminded that registration forms for each player must be in the hands of the registration committee seven days before the date of the first match, accompanied by the fee of 10 cents each for ladies and intermediate boys, and 25 cents for seniors. These forms must be signed by the pastor of the church and superintendent of the Sunday school and intermediate players must be weighed before playing.

Schedule of Ladies' Games.

Jan. 13—Presbyterians, "B" vs. Congregationalists.

Jan. 16—Belmonts vs. Reformed Episcopalians.

Jan. 20—Congregationalists vs. Presbyterians, "A"; Presbyterians, "B" vs. Reformed Episcopalians.

Feb. 3—Belmonts vs. Presbyterians, "B"; Presbyterians, "A" vs. Congregationalists.

Feb. 10—Congregationalists vs. Reformed Episcopalians.

Feb. 13—Congregationalists vs. Presbyterians, "A"; Presbyterians, "B" vs. Belmonts.

Feb. 17—Presbyterians, "B" vs. Presbyterians, "A".

Feb. 20—Congregationalists vs. Belmonts; Presbyterians, "A" vs. Presbyterians, "B".

Feb. 24—Belmonts vs. Congregationalists.

Feb. 27—Reformed Episcopalians vs. Presbyterians, "A"; Presbyterians, "B" vs. Belmonts.

March 3—Reformed Episcopalians vs. Presbyterians, "B".

March 6—Congregationalists vs. Presbyterians, "A".

March 13—Belmonts vs. Reformed Episcopalians.

March 17—Congregationalists vs. Presbyterians, "B"; Belmonts vs. Presbyterians, "A".

March 20—Reformed Episcopalians vs. Congregationalists.

March 27—Congregationalists vs. Belmonts; Presbyterians, "A" vs. Presbyterians, "B".

March 31—Reformed Episcopalians vs. Presbyterians, "A".

Intermediate Schedule.

Jan. 16—James Bays vs. Congregationalists; Metropolitans vs. Presbyterians, "A".

Jan. 20—Congregationalists vs. Presbyterians, "B".

Jan. 23—Presbyterians, "A" vs. James Bays.

Jan. 27—Congregationalists vs. Presbyterians, "A"; Presbyterians, "B" vs. Metropolitans.

Jan. 30—James Bays vs. Presbyterians, "B".

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Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 5.—Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion pugilist, has been matched to meet Ritchie Mitchell, Milwaukee, before a local club on January 16, according to word received from New York to-day. The boys are to weigh 135 pounds at 3 o'clock on the afternoon preceding the contest.

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Who, according to the latest reports

from New York, has signed a con-

tract, to fight for Tex Rickard, when he comes to America.

SPORTS ENJOYED BY TROOPS NEAR FRONT

Many Games and Pastimes Indulged in Within Sound of Cannon

Under the caption "Horse Races and Athletics Under Fire" the British Intelligence service in London has approved the following story:

"The British armies at the front," the story reads, "give themselves up to sport within the sound, and even within the reach, of the enemy guns, with all the zest of the English sportsman pursuing his hobby in peacetime.

"Practically every form of outdoor sport is assiduously followed by the British troops in France and Flanders. There seems to be only one solitary exception, viz., golf. But this is because all the courses in the strategical areas are either cut up by trenches or else serve as sites for field hospitals and base camps. Still, golf cannot be missed much, since there are abundant facilities for cricket and football, not to mention boating and swimming, together with race meetings, gymkhana, horse shows, boxing and wrestling matches, and the like.

"Perhaps the simplest sporting fixture to arrange is an athletic meeting, with a general programme, which includes a large variety of events. So far as possible the management is left to the men themselves, but two or three officers are always on the committee. A prize fund is also put up by the commission ranks, and a liberal grant is probably forthcoming from the surplus profits of the field force canteen.

"The stability of the game and the place it holds in sports have been amply proven by the 'come-back' it has made, during the past year. It needs reforming, and reforms may be expected, but from the standpoint of the follower of the game—the one who pays the freight—baseball has proved its mettle.

From the opening of the 1916 season until the Red Sox defeated the Brooklyn Dodgers, in four out of five games, starting at Boston on the ninth day of last October, baseball furnished thrill after thrill.

Early in the year—on January 5—Charles Weeghman and his associates purchased the Chicago Cubs, and a few days later the Boston Braves were sold to Percy Haughton and a syndicate of business men. In the same month the New York Giants purchased Benny Kauff, Anderson and Hardeen from the Federals.

In February Judge K. M. Landis gave the baseball world a thrill by dismissing the famous trust-busting suit instituted by the outlaw leaguers, the exact date of this announcement being February 7. Two days later Ed Konetchy was purchased by the Braves for a sum said to have been \$16,000, and during the next week the Yankees bought Frank Baker from Connie Mack.

Following along in April, after Jas. C. Dunn had purchased the Cleveland club, the sale of Tristram Speaker to the Indians started the fans all over the country. The sum of \$50,000 paid for Speaker was said to be the largest amount ever laid down for a ball player.

It was in May that the New York Giants started their first big winning streak in the west, and they piled up 17 victories before they were stopped. In July the Giants again got into the spotlight through the trade with Cincinnati by which Christy Mathewson went to the Reds and Charley Herzog to New York. This trade was consummated July 30.

In August, the 25th day, to be exact, Fred Merkle went to the Brooklyn Dodgers in a trade for McCarty, Brooklyn's star young catcher, and on the 29th of the same month John McGraw pulled another thriller by sending Larry Doyle to Chicago for Heinie Zimmerman.

On the 15th day of September the major leagues drafted 74 players from the minors, one of the largest drafts that has ever been made, and then once again McGraw and his New Yorkers came into the spotlight by winning 26 straight games of baseball. They had their winning streak broken in New York, and the Boston club was the one which put on the crusher.

In the meantime the race for the pennants in both leagues held the attention of fans all over the country. The American League race, with seven clubs in the running up to the last of August, was the most successful one in its history. In the old league three teams—the Dodgers, Phillies and Boston Braves—fought it out tooth and nail to the bitter end, and the havoc wrought by the Giants in their record-breaking, steam-rolling string of wins lent interest to the chase for the flag.

"Like a race meeting, a gymkhana amid the roar of an enemy's guns, and

the cheering of the spectators."

"Study to be quiet."

GIVE US HIS NAME

CITIZENS OF VICTORIA!

After the Urgent Appeal of the Premier and Mr. Bennett, Director of National Recruiting, the

143rd BATT'N, C.E.F.

wish to try the plan of getting

A NAME

of any eligible young man who has not joined the colors yet.

Nearly everyone knows some definite individual who surprises them by not being in Uniform, and we ask that this Name be sent to the Officer in Charge of Recruiting for the 143rd Battalion.

If YOU know any man whom you believe able to go and give the men, who have been months in the trenches, a much needed rest,

SEND US HIS NAME

We will give him a chance.

LT.-COL. BRUCE POWLEY, Officer Commanding.

USE THIS COUPON
USE IT THOUGHT-
FULLY
USE IT TO-DAY

LT. ELY, Recruiting Officer.

TO LIEUT. IN CHARGE RECRUITING
143rd Battalion, C. E. F.

Victoria, B. C.

Date _____

Sir—I beg to give you a name, hereunder, of a man who, to the best of my knowledge, is eligible to enlist.

His Name is _____

His Business Address _____

His Private Address _____

(You may sign this coupon or not, as you wish.)

Occupation _____

TO THE SLACKER

Don't wait and be one of the slackers few.

Who refused to enlist though his duty knew—

Though he gains all the wealth the world can bestow—

DAK BAY POLICE

ANNUAL REPORT

Shows Gratifying Decrease in Crime and Petty Offences in Oak Bay

There has been a substantial reduction in the number of crimes and petty offences in Oak Bay during the year.

The following statistics show the number of cases dealt with in the police court, and manner of disposal; the amount of money collected and paid to the treasurer, together with other miscellaneous returns:

Motor traffic regulation act cases, 12;

street regulation by-law, 8; bicycle by-law, 2; public morals by-law, 1; indecent by-law, 1; indictable offences (sedition), 2; stealing, 7; army desertion, 1; attempted suicide, 1; assault, 2; indecent assault, 1. Total convictions, 24; dismissed, 7; committed for trial, 2; complete total, 33.

The police court return for the year 1916: Convicted, 75; dismissed, 13; total, 88. 1915, convicted, 61; dismissed, 6; total, 78. 1916, convicted, 26; dismissed, 7; total, 33.

Money Collected for 1916.

Dog tax	\$ 648.00
Trade licenses	372.00
Road tax	182.00
Police court fines	111.00
Motor vehicle licenses	111.00
Motor drivers' licenses	162.50
Found fees	57.50
Total	\$1,534.00

Six hundred and sixty miscellaneous reports were attended to and 282 fire permits were issued.

Fifteen motor accidents were reported, in which five persons were slightly injured.

Three other accidents took place and included a fatal accident of October 17, when Little Alex Watson met his death.

Two persons were found dead during the year. First, F. Gasson; McNeil Avenue, found lying dead in bed at his residence; second, Mrs. Krachling, of 1082 Richmond Avenue, city, found drowned at Uplands.

One case of suicide took place on January 4; and the case of attempted suicide on July 30, 1916.

Two persons were certified insane by medical officers and removed to the mental hospital by the police.

Seven alarms of fire were turned in during the year, one of which was a false alarm; one to a grass fire; other five to dwelling houses, damage to the amount of \$2,210 in all.

During the months of January, February and March the police had to contend with 3,000 troops which were quartered within the municipal limits, necessitating a large amount of extra work on the part of the police. All passed off quietly and no serious complaints were made.

Property value \$608.98 was reported stolen; value \$214.58 was recovered; 52 houses were taken care of during temporary absence on behalf of the owners; 51 owners and agents were notified where premises were found insecure.

AMONG THE MASHONAS OF RHODESIAN BORDER

COLLECTING PAPERS TO HELP RED CROSS

F. S. Dart, Passenger on Sado Maru, Has Had Unusual Experience

South Africa-as a scene of missionary labor will already be illuminated by the great names of Robert Moffat and David Livingstone, but the humbler followers of these great men are doing splendid work in taming the savage tribesmen, and encouraging them to higher things. The remoter section of Mashonaland would not at first glance seem a very attractive place for a man to settle and devote his life, but a good deal may be done among the Bantu tribes, according to F. S. Dart, who with Mrs. Dart and family arrived on the Sado Maru yesterday. His station is at Mt. Silinda, in the Mopani district of Rhodesia, on the borders of Portuguese East Africa.

The executive committee of the Red Cross Society realized that the collection of these papers and magazines could be more efficiently done by the school children than by any other agency. The school boards gave the necessary permission and the whole plan was explained to most of the city schools before the holidays, and this will be done at the rest of the schools in the district as soon as they reopen.

It is proposed that each school appoint a committee to manage the business of collecting, sorting and bundling the papers, books, magazines, catalogues, etc., to keep records of quantity, and to develop the enterprise so as to get best results for the school.

When a reasonable wagon load, say, a ton, is collected the Red Cross will arrange carriage.

About 20,000 papers per day are circulated in Victoria and District. These weigh about 5,000 pounds and would be worth \$50 per day to the Red Cross Society. If the schools succeed in saving half of them the monthly income from newspapers alone will be \$750.

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SCHOOLCHILDREN HAVE TAKEN UP SCHEME WITH ENTHUSIASM; ALL CAN ASSIST

The school children of Victoria and the adjoining districts have enthusiastically taken in hand the collection of newspapers, magazines, and catalogues, for the Red Cross Society, and the enterprise looks like a certain success.

The society has made arrangements to dispose of all newspapers properly folded up and tied in bundles at \$20 per ton in Victoria. Old magazines, catalogues, copy books, compositions and examination papers when properly sorted and bundled are also worth \$20 per ton, so are old ledgers, minute and account books, counter books and similar records.

The executive committee of the Red Cross Society realized that the collection of these papers and magazines could be more efficiently done by the school children than by any other agency. The school boards gave the necessary permission and the whole plan was explained to most of the city schools before the holidays, and this will be done at the rest of the schools in the district as soon as they reopen.

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cannot pay taxes, which are in arrears to the extent of hundreds of thousands in the city. I contend we should be content to make shift until the war is over. I have it on good authority that the Lampson street school is not badly crowded, and considering that 10 per cent. of the dwelling houses are vacant, which means want of tenants, how does it come that there are so many more children now than want accommodation? They ask for \$30,000 for a building, \$10,000 for land, and they will ask for two teachers and a janitor, and numerous other charges for upkeep, will be added. I am told all this means 50 per cent. added to our school taxes for this year, which have just been increased by sewerage charges. I therefore appeal to the ratemakers to consider all this and refuse to vote for this school for this year at least. Vote no!

EDGAR FAWCETT.

Jan. 4.

CO-EDUCATION.

To the Editor: A correspondent writing in one of our city dailies upon this subject has given us some suggestions that make excellent food for reflection. One point, however, escaped his notice, that of the impossibility of placing before classes of boys and girls the highest ideals of their sex. Who of us looking back upon our school and college life can but see what an extent the male ideal was continually held up before us? It was the general author, the warrior, the inventor, the man, who was invariably extolled. We were given the impression that only men were of real importance and that the only people who did things worth while were men. Occasionally would there be a reference to Florence Nightingale or to Queen Victoria, but the girl pupils heard little of female ideals and too often the impression was made that after all it was a misfortune to be a girl and there was little to look forward to but second place and the "monotony of domestic life." I have never conversed with a bright girl student upon this matter who was satisfied with her position in life and who did not consider her brother much more fortunately placed in life than she. Nor have I met during the last ten years, both in private and in public lectures to women, more than two dozen of the sex who were satisfied with their lot as women.

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veloped to her best. This is relatively lacking in our Canadian women. At the present time more than ever, when women are being given their political rights, should public attention be directed towards this matter. Give our girls a chance, and henceforth let no boy say in derision, "She is only a girl," but be made to realize that she is of as much importance in the scheme of creation as he is, and probably more, and that the world can ill-afford to travel farther without her directing oversight. Life has lost its value and humanity has lost its way, all because the softening and refining influences of women have been absent in the great world's activities. Let our public educators take notice, and alter the system of education to comply with the nature of things.

ERNEST A. HALL.

Dec. 3.

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF OAK BAY

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

PUBLIC NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Electors of the Municipality of the Township of Esquimalt, that I require the presence of the said Electors at the Municipal Hall, Esquimalt, on the 8th day of January, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Reeve and Councillors.

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ECHO OF COLLISION

Capt. Park Gives Evidence Before Registrar at Vancouver.

The collision between the Union company's steamer Venture and the American motor barge Wakena in Vancouver narrows on February 24 last, found an echo in the Vancouver courthouse yesterday when Capt. Park, who was master of the Venture at the time, gave his evidence before the registrar, in view of an action for damages—which the Union Steamship company, owners of the Venture, are bringing against the American firm. Capt. Park is now master of the steamer Turell Crown, and as he is taking his vessel to Panama, it was necessary to secure his evidence before his departure. A marine court of inquiry has already investigated the collision.

WIRELESS REPORTS

Jan. 5, 8 a.m.
Point Grey—Cloudy; calm; 29.64; 40; sea smooth.
Cape Lazo—Cloudy; calm; 29.64; 38; sea smooth.
Pachena—Misty; S.E.; 29.40; 42; light swell.
Eastvan—Overcast; calm; 29.47; 38; sea moderate.
Alert Bay—Overcast; calm; 29.48; 32; sea smooth.
Triangle—Gloomy; S.W.; 29.63; 41; sea moderate. Spoke str Princess Maquinna, 11.30 p.m. left Bella Bella, 10.30 p.m. northbound.

Dead Tree Point—Clear; calm; 29.61; sea smooth.
Prince Rupert—Overcast; calm; 29.48; 39; sea moderate.
Noon.
Point Grey—Cloudy; calm; 29.79; 43; sea smooth.
Cape Lazo—Cloudy; N.W.; light; 29.71; 42; sea smooth. Spoke str Princess Beatrice, 11.15 a.m. off Maud Island, northbound.

Pachena—Cloudy; N.W.; light; 29.54; 42; sea moderate.
Alert Bay—Overcast; calm; 29.64; 42; sea smooth.

Triangle—Overcast; calm; 29.64; 42; sea moderate.

Ikeda Bay—Cloudy; N.E.; 29.40; 31; sea smooth.

Prince Rupert—Cloudy; calm; 29.55; 34; sea smooth. Passed in, str Princess Ena, 11 a.m. northbound.

SECOND NAVAL DRAFT LEAVES FOR ENGLAND

Twenty-Four Men of R. N. C. V. R., Dispatched for Service With Overseas Division

Another draft for the overseas division of the Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve, composed of 24 men who have been recruited in this district and outfitted at the Esquimalt naval station, left this afternoon on the 2 o'clock boat for Vancouver en route to the United Kingdom to "do their bit" for the empire. The party was made up of J. E. Burke, A. E. Webster, H. H. Rea, T. L. Hellwell, A. Harland, J. Hinkman, R. A. Hewlett, J. R. Wilson, J. H. Plint, T. Morton, D. Delhouse, J. Chiness, R. D. Jones, Wm. Chew, S. L. Tyrell, W. Mann, M. McDonald, W. A. Blair, G. Burton, R. E. Wilcox, E. S. Doherty, W. E. Baker and E. Morrison.

This is the last draft of men recruited in this section of the country during the year 1916. They will proceed direct to England and will be distributed among the important naval stations of Portsmouth, Chatham and Devonport, where they will undergo preliminary training and later be placed aboard ships of the line.

Under the scheme initiated by Capt. the Hon. Rupert Guinness during the past fall for the raising of 5,000 naval recruits throughout Canada for service with the imperial navy, it was anticipated that fully 2,000 men would be recruited by the end of 1916. The various committees appointed have been working energetically at all the big centres and on the whole the response has been good. The final returns covering the period of recruiting up to December 31 are not yet available.

Young men of good character and physique, who are British subjects, are urgently required to swell the numbers joining up with this branch of the senior service. No previous experience at sea is necessary. Applicants must be for seamen, 18 to 30 years of age, and stokers from 18 to 23 years. All kit is provided free and the men are placed on the same rate of pay and separation allowance as the Canadian military service. Those desirous of joining the service should lose no time in making application to Petty Officer Otter, in charge of the recruiting office, 1205 Broad street, or to the naval authorities at the Esquimalt dockyard.

IMPORTANT TRANSFER

Property of Eastern S. S. Corporation Changes Hands for \$3,386,000.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 5.—Millions of dollars worth of steamship, wharf and warehouse property was disposed of Wednesday, when the fleet of steamers, landing places and leases of the Eastern Steamship Corporation, in the hands of receivers, were sold under foreclosure proceedings for \$3,386,000, the purchasers assuming the liabilities of the concern.

The properties—in St. John, in Maine, Massachusetts and New York were bid in by Joseph A. Downs of Hayden, Stone & Company, bankers of Boston, New York and Montreal, representing a company of stockholders and bondholders who will reorganize the corporation.

The steamers Calvyn Austin, Governor Dingling, Governor Cobb and North Star, of the International Division in St. John, were among the vessels sold. The sale also included an interest in the Boston and Yarmouth Steamship Company amounting to \$325,000.

EMBARK FOR MEXICO

W. C. Bond and party, of Victoria, who left here aboard the steamship President, en route to Mexico on a colonization expedition, sailed from San Francisco on Wednesday aboard the steamer San Jose for Zihuatanejo, Zihuatanejo is located 185 miles south of Manzanillo, and is at present a small hamlet known only to coasting vessels. It will shortly be recognized as a new port of commerce on the west coast.

The port is the centre of unusually rich agricultural land which is being colonized by a group of British Columbia capitalists headed by W. C. Bond, who have extensive banana and oil-seed properties.

It is planned to establish a steamship line to Zihuatanejo and San Francisco to provide quick transportation for the products raised in the colony.

COASTWISE SERVICES

For Prince Rupert

Steamer Prince George Mondays, 10 a.m. From Prince Rupert

Steamer Prince George Sundays, 7 a.m.

For Comox

Steamer Charmer leaves every Tuesday a.m.

From Comox

Steamer Charmer arrives every Sunday.

For Skagway

Princess Sophia, Jan. 12.

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From Holberg

Steamer Tees leaves on 1st and 8th of each month.

From Holberg

Steamer Tees arrives on 1st and 28th of each month.

For Clayoquot

Steamer Tees leaves on 10th of each month.

From Clayoquot

Steamer Tees arrives on 10th of each month.

From Port Angeles

Steamer Sol Duc leaves daily except Sunday at 11.30 a.m.

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Steamer Sol Duc arrives daily except Sunday at 9 a.m.

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NEARING PORT FROM ANTIPODES



CANADIAN-AUSTRALIAN LINER MAKURA

BIG DIESEL LINER ON MAIDEN VOYAGE

ADMIRAL WATSON IS ASHORE IN NORTH

Motorship George Washington Pacific Steamship Company's Boat Fast on Fish Bay Reef, Southwestern Alaska

Making the first port of call on this coast on her maiden voyage from Scandinavia, the 10,000-ton Norwegian motorship George Washington arrived at San Francisco yesterday. The George Washington is inaugurating the service organized by Fred Olsen, of Christiania, between Norway and the North Pacific by way of the Panama canal.

The service will be maintained by vessels equipped with internal combustion engines. Although a final decision has not been reached as to which ports will be included in the itinerary of the Washington and her sister vessels, it was reported some time ago that Fred Olsen proposed to extend the service to Puget Sound and British Columbia, but in the first place San Francisco was the only port selected.

The freighter Cordova, of the Alaska S. S. Company, steamed from Cordova this morning, en route to the liner's assistance.

News of the Watson's plight was received here at 10 o'clock this morning by Manager A. F. Haynes, of the Pacific S. S. Company, in a wireless message from Captain Edward Hickman, master of the stranded vessel.

The Watson is fast on the rocks, but apparently has suffered no serious damage.

RETRIEVER NOW ON HOMEWARD PASSAGE

Ancient Barquentine, Once Scrapped but Recommissioned, Crossing Pacific

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Seattle, Jan. 4.—Arrived: Str Admiral Farragut, San Francisco; Str El Segundo, Richmond; Str Governor, Tacoma; motor barge Wakena, British Columbia port; Sailed: Str Hokkaido Maru, Vladivostok; Str Talithysius, Manila; via Comox, B.C., and Yoko-hama; Str Eq Segundo, San Francisco, via Point Wells; Str Santa Maria, Port San Luis; U.S. C.G. Unalga, Yakutat; Str Wilmington, Tacoma; Str Admiral Farragut, Tacoma.

San Pedro, Jan. 4.—With general cargo from Seattle—Cruis and Manhattan consigned to J. F. Davenport, the str Fairhaven arrived to-day and will proceed to San Francisco after discharging a partial cargo here.

Steam schooners arriving to-day from northern ports with lumber were the San Jacinto and Doris, from Gray's Harbor; Bee, from Puget Sound, and Daisy Matthews, from Portland. Departures in ballast were the str Gray's Harbor, for Aberdeen; str Wapama, for Port Townsend; str Lakme, for Casper, and the str Mandalay, for Crescent City.

The str Jacinto sailed for Ventura after discharging a partial cargo here. Passenger carriers arriving to-day were the str Yale, from San Francisco; str Beaver, from Portland, and the str President, from San Diego. The str President proceeded to San Francisco and Puget Sound with passengers and freight for the Pacific Steamship Company.

The old barquentine Retriever, one of the many vessels dug out of retirement to supply much needed tonnage, and which narrowly escaped disaster when she left this coast with lumber for Australia, is again beating her way across the lonely lanes of the Pacific, having put into Honolulu, the crossroads of the ocean, on Wednesday.

The Retriever left San Francisco last summer for Adelaide. The barquentine was pulled off the mud flats of Oakland Creek for the occasion, re-chalked and repaired. In the words of Capt. John Ross, her owner, the Retriever "was no spring chicken," being 36 years old.

Captain Ross put \$25,000 into the barquentine, expecting to double his capital at the war time freight rates. He started for Australia, met with an accident outside the Golden Gate and was forced to put back with his ship in a leaky condition. The consensus of opinion was that he was extremely lucky to get back at all. The cargo was discharged, the vessel repaired, and she again set out for the Antipodes, making a slow but successful voyage.

Capt. Ross made his expected profit.

That the Retriever is no fast packet is indicated by the fact that she was 79 days making the run from Adelaide to Honolulu. She is under orders to sail for Gray's Harbor to load another lumber cargo for Australia.

AMERICAN LINE STEAMERS.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—Arrived: Str Columbia, from Valparaiso; str Queen, from Seattle; motorship George Washington (Nor.) from Norfolk. Sailed: Str Willamette, for Gray's Harbor; str Northern Pacific, for Astoria; str Admiral Schley, for Seattle.

Portland, Jan. 4.—Arrived: Str Wisternaw, str W. F. Herrin and str Atlas, from San Francisco; str Daisy Putnam, from Los Angeles.

Bellingham, Jan. 4.—Sailed: Schr. W. L. Smith, for Callao via Port Townsend, towing.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 4.—Arrived: Str Lansing, from Port San Luis.

Point Wells, Jan. 4.—Arrived: Str El Segundo, from Seattle.

Tacoma, Jan. 4.—Arrived: Str Williamson, from Seattle; str Admiral Farragut, from Seattle.

Aberdeen, Jan. 4.—Arrived: Str Coronado, from San Francisco.

INABA MARU COMING

N. Y. K. Liner Has 13 Passengers and 400 Tons of Cargo for Victoria.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Inaba Maru, which sailed from Yokohama December 28, is scheduled to reach Victoria on Tuesday, January 9, according to word received by W. R. Dale, local agent for the Great Northern. The Inaba has 13 passengers and 460 tons of cargo for this port, and 168 tons for Vancouver, which will be discharged here. She has 124 passengers and approximately 6,000 tons of freight for Seattle.

STRIKES ALASKAN REEF



STEAMER ADMIRAL WATSON

GOVERNOR TAKING LARGE LIST SOUTH

Over Sixty Passengers Will Board Steamship Here for California Points.

There continues to be brisk travel between Puget Sound and British Columbia points and California and with the departure this afternoon of the Pacific Steamship Company's steamer Governor another large list of passengers will leave for the south. Many people from the prairies are traveling to California this season, there being an unusually large exodus from Canada and points even as far east as Winnipeg, while a healthy percentage of British Columbians are also seeking warmer climates during the winter season.

Each week the local offices of the Pacific Steamship Company have numerous inquiries regarding the service and recently the number of bookings have shown a marked increase. Taken on an average the passenger business handled this year is better than the big season of the Panama-Pacific Exposition when all roads led to San Francisco.

The Governor will leave about 5 o'clock this afternoon with over 300 passengers for San Francisco, San Pedro and San Diego. Over 60 will embark here including the following: Miss Janet Wark, James Lean, H. J. Nott and wife, Miss N. McNamee, Master J. White, Miss F. White, Mrs. B. White, Wm. Davy, Harry Riley, Sidney Mason, S. B. Kennedy, E. J. Osborne, Miss J. McFarlane, Clary Szemanski, Mrs. J. F. Brownelle, Mrs. K. Hallam, Mrs. S. Abbott, Mrs. Mary Giles, Stanley Giles, Murdoch Dingwall and wife, J. Cockburn and wife, Miss Margaret Forsyth, Mrs. Wilson and two children, Master H. F. Brownelle, Harold Tucker, Walter Brown, Miss Janet Dykes, Mary Dykes, Hattie Duffet, Miss Green, Miss Anna L. Irwin, W. T. Smith, Chas. Soley, Miss Mabel Myers, Mrs. Mabel Murphy and son, Mrs. G. McKnight, Percy Shackleton, Ambrose Hill, Mrs. Clara Armstrong, Miss Agret, C. N. Crotts and family, Alice Cretin, Famise Shackleton, P. Hanafin, M. Osborne,

FAVORS CONTROL BY CITY MANAGER

Alderman Porter Announces Views at Civic Retrenchment Meeting

ALDERMAN TODD AND DELINQUENCY

Association Denies Any Antagonism to Municipal Governing Body

Alderman Porter, majority candidate, came out in favor of a city board of managers, with a director in place of the present mayor and board of aldermen at a meeting called by the Civic Retrenchment Association, and held in the old Victoria theatre last evening. The reason had been to hear the mayoralty candidates give an expression of opinion on a number of financial questions which had been submitted by the executive. A number of candidates, and most of the principal members of the association, occupied seats on the platform. Mayor Stewart was also present for some time. There was but a small attendance for a downtown meeting.

The Questions.

- In view of the fact that, according to the comptroller's statement, the civic taxes are some \$2,365,000 in arrears, by what means do you propose to overcome this deficiency?
- Will you advocate having a new assessment of the city made on a basis of population? Many of the important cities of the continent are so assessed, and it would appear to be a reasonable way. If not, what other basis would you suggest?
- Would you advocate a city census taken, so that an assessment upon the basis of population could be arrived at?
- Will you advocate having balance sheets of the city's finances for the years 1913, '14, '15, '16 prepared by the auditor and comptroller, and published in the local press and submitted to

some recognized authorities on civic finances, in order to arrive at a solution of the difficult position of the taxpayers?

5. What method do you propose to advocate in dealing with delinquent taxes?

6. Will you advocate the question of revising the Municipal Act so as to rehabilitate the status of property owners in the protection they are entitled to?

7. What expenses were incurred by the city this year in connection with the Union of Municipalities?

8. If elected, will you advocate that no amendment affecting the city of Victoria be proposed to the legislative assembly by the Union of Municipalities, without the knowledge of the rate-payers?

9. If elected as mayor, will you pledge yourself to the strictest economy in municipal affairs, such as you would use in your own business?

President O'Reilly said in part, in explaining the objects of the association: "This association gets communications from all sorts of people, many of whom seem to think that we are a partisan organization. Now, first of all, I want to make it plain that we are not anything of the kind, but are joined together for mutual protection as taxpayers, and to back up efforts in economy in civic management, and that this meeting to-night is not called in the interests of any candidate. This association is not putting up any candidate for mayor or aldermen, but we are here simply in the interests of the taxpayers of Victoria, and for the purpose of hearing the two candidates for election to the office of mayor explain their views on city affairs, and answer certain questions that have been furnished to them and published in the press, and in answering these questions, in case their answer is yes or no, I hope they will give their reasons for the reply."

Alderman Porter.

Alderman Porter expressed the hope that greater interest should be shown in the city government. He believed in a smaller body of citizens on the executive board, five in number, with a city manager as an organization which would give better results. This sentiment met with applause.

The alderman passed on to express an opinion on the work he had been associated with in the departments. In the engineering department, he was able to tell of a reduction in staff showing over \$100,000 cut in five years. (Applause). Alderman Porter referred to the closing-up of various by-laws, and the gradual improvement of the situation by the passage of partial assessment by-laws, enabling assessments to be made.

The alderman alluded to the securing of easements for the telephone wires in downtown blocks, and the easements for sewers, in both of which he had been very active.

While he was not in favor of starving educational development, and believed in an adequate police department, yet it was necessary to explain that it should act more individually.

No. 8. In the affirmative. Full publicly.

No. 9. That is the only thing to be done at this juncture, as had been the case in the past three years, for which the mayor and council were chiefly responsible. The council had been skating on thin ice for the past two and half years, owing to financial problems and questions of unemployment. Success would only come through assistance by the ratepayers.

A number of questions were asked by the members of the association directed to secure an undertaking that council would withdraw participation from the Union of B. C. Municipalities. Alderman Fullerton, chairman of the fire warden's committee, took the opportunity to reply to some remarks with regard to the fire department. Since 1912 when new apparatus was added, there had been a gradual decrease in the cost of the department. He pointed to the efforts made to keep down expenditure, by effecting its own repairs. He also alluded to the extension of the high pressure system. The department would also save a considerable sum in the coming year. The alderman next dealt with lower fire insurance premiums, and claimed that the city was fully justified in expecting recognition from the Fire Underwriters' Association. He pointed out that last year Victoria property owners paid \$236,000 in fire insurance premiums, while the total fire losses in the city for the year was only \$29,000.

Alderman Bell from the body of the hall rose to say that the Victoria department was charged with \$40,000 a year for water, while not more than \$500 worth was used.

His Answer.

To the association's questions he replied:

- The matter was in the hands of the tax delinquency committee. Temporarily he favored borrowing on the delinquent taxes.
- He considered the question a reasonable one. He would welcome some other system to improve present conditions.
- In the affirmative. Population and assessment should be placed on a ratio basis.
- Yes. He approved publicly, and submission of the subject to a competent financial authority.
- Answered by Nos. 1 and 2. He was against a tax sale in times like these.
- He considered the question indefinite.
- President O'Reilly said the law had been frequently amended to curtail the privileges of owners.
- Continuing, Alderman Porter answered "Yes and no." He explained the difficulties with regard to assessment appeals, and the object of the proposed application to have the board of equalization sit to equalize the assessment after the civil courts had passed on the judgment of the civic court of revision.
- \$173,50. The convention was attended by the mayor, Alderman Diffworth, the solicitor and comptroller.
- Affirmatively. All bills were advertised. Attempts had been made by the Union of B. C. Municipalities to pass legislation which was detrimental to the city's interest.
- "I will. I promise that. Economy without results, however, is not much good. Economy with results is excellent."
- Alderman Porter then answered several questions, particularly from A. W. J. Bridgeman.
- Alderman Todd.

Alderman Todd again expressed his agreement with many of the remarks during the meeting. Taking up the remarks of Mr. Landsberg, he said that had the legal department cost \$60,000 instead of \$6,000 in 1910 it would have been better, if they had had \$60,000 worth of good law, which would have saved the city a great deal of subsequent trouble. He alluded to the committees upon which he had served, particularly the harbor and fire wardens' committees, and in the latter matter mentioned the attempt to reduce fire insurance premiums.

He then took up the questions of the association, answering as follows:

- This in his opinion was the most serious issue which would arise in the coming years. Every individual taxpayer had become responsible for
- the city's debts, and each taxpayer had put his hand to and must honor the note. It applied to every debt, and even the sums obtained by the speculators in expropriation proceedings.
- Since September 18 the city council had dealt with the subject, and the tax delinquency committee was the result, whose work would be resumed in the new year. The provincial inspector of municipalities would give them his assistance. Alderman Todd went on to deal with the question of assessments, as derived from experience on the municipal courts. It had been necessary, time after time, to order the confiscation of citizens' property. The candidate went on to mention the individual cases to which allusion has been made of chronic results of the situation. Unfortunately it had been impossible to discriminate between the people who obtained compensation and those who did not. The figure mentioned in the total of delinquency represented both general and local improvement taxes, and he felt that the two classes of taxation would remain about even, with the probability of the local improvements winning out.
- Two Methods.
- There were two ways of dealing with this situation, first that of allowing the present position to run on, risking conditions worse than before. By merely following the law, the process would be long drawn out and disastrous. The council felt that if any better scheme could be devised it should be adopted, hence the delinquency committee. The War Relief Act had complicated the whole situation very considerably.
- No. 2. Affirmatively, but the locality and character of the citizens should be considered. Were the city located in an industrial centre in Pennsylvania, conditions would be different.
- No. 3. If the second question was decided, then a census would be imperative.
- No. 4. He agreed to have the balance sheet published, and with regard to the latter part of the question he would rather see it worded "to assist at arriving."
- No. 5. As No. 1—if the committee applied, should be made to the provincial government for a board of experts. Not but what they had too many experts now of a certain kind. (Laughter.)
- No. 6. He absolutely agreed with the idea as expanded by Mr. O'Reilly already.
- No. 7. In many ways the union's operations had not been beneficial to the city, which had different needs and wants to the smaller communities. Since the city was the largest operating under the Municipal act, he believed it should act more individually.
- No. 8. In the affirmative. Full publicly.
- No. 9. That is the only thing to be done at this juncture, as had been the case in the past three years, for which the mayor and council were chiefly responsible. The council had been skating on thin ice for the past two and half years, owing to financial problems and questions of unemployment. Success would only come through assistance by the ratepayers.
- Captain W. E. Oliver, as has already been announced in the Times, has been appointed as a court of revision and appeal for the Revelstoke assessment district, in the place of Charles M. Field.
- William Irving Briggs, of the same city, has been named as a coroner for the province.
- Notaries public appointed are: John Mulgrave, North Burnaby; George A. Watson, Mission City; Charles Hill Jackson, Kelowna; Thomas Hodgson, Nanaimo.
- Dr. John Nay, Trail, has been appointed as a deputy of Coroner J. Bain Thom, to act in the absence of the latter.
- Captain W. E. Oliver, as has already been announced in the Times, has been appointed as a Justice of the peace for the province, with the immediate object of being able to administer the oath to recruits, he being commanding officer of the 88th Victoria Fusiliers.
- He came home late from the mill and entered a home smelling as only a home can smell after a heavy day's washing. The good woman had retired, so Tom sat down, ate his supper from the basin he had been using, and retired early. "Did the next neighbor to that think lad?" she asked sleepily. "No, I did an' all. I ate the lot. I liked the liquor well, well, but had a rare job wif the traps." "Tripe," cried his mate, "tripe-in basin on table." "Well, well, if that's what was in basin, thal'll have to buy his new collar and all, 'cos that's eaten collar and starch. Tha supper was on a plate in th' oven."

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Sincerely yours,

For Alderman

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I respectfully solicit your vote and influence at the forthcoming election.

GILBERT D. CHRISTIE

Boot and Shoe Merchant.



To the Electors City of Victoria

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Having made my home in the City of Victoria, and being a property holder, I feel that my large and varied business experience could be of service to the citizens of this my adopted city.

I am therefore offering myself as Alderman at the forthcoming civic election.

My policy is

PROGRESS, THRIFT, EFFICIENCY

Your vote will be appreciated.

Yours truly,

E. B. ANDROS

644 Linden Ave., Jan. 4, 1917.

A. E. TODD

for Mayor

TO THE ELECTORS OF VICTORIA:

Being a candidate for Mayor, I wish to let you know my principal policies that, if elected, I intend to support during 1917.

(1) Johnson street bridge, and, owing to railway's refusal to enter into agreement fair to city, elimination of E. & N. Ry. thereto. All subject approval of citizens by referendum or law.

(2) Assist Provincial and Dominion governments in development Songhees reserve, ocean docks, and proper terminal facilities for rail and shipping.

(3) Strict economy in civic expenditure though, owing to constant increase in cost of living, some increase in pay must be given to some of civic employees.

(4) I favor a clean city, both morally and physically, with good schools and parks, clean streets, and strict enforcement of reasonable building and sanitary regulations.

(5) Election of police commissioners and licensing commissioners, and the combining of these two into one, to be known as "Boards of Police Commissioners."

(6) Our municipal tasks I favor day labor, wherever possible, and preference to our own citizens, and particularly believe that all city works should be so timed and apportioned as to keep constantly employed, as nearly as possible, the same number of workers.

(7) Relief from excessive taxation, both general and local improvement, if an equitable and financially sound plan can be devised. Subject approval of ratemakers by referendum or law.

(8) Advocate friendly relations and amicable adjustment of neighboring municipalities and entire Island in advancing agricultural, manufacturing, and other mutual interests, such as Esquimalt drydock, railway ferry connection via Fredit Arm, parks, protection of beaches, etc.

(9) Taking of serious steps to attract new lines of manufactures, and to develop existing industries.

(10) In connection with development of Songhees reserve, adequate park facilities for Victoria West.

I am a firm believer in the future of Victoria, and that prudence, courage and common-sense, and sticking to the right period shorter than now seems possible.

In dealing with municipal problems I believe frequent use should be made of the Referendum.

I am strictly an independent candidate, in no way connected with any political party. I am a non-partisan, and, if elected, will do my best to serve the ratepayers well in all things.

Yours respectfully,

A. E. TODD

Committee Room, corner Broad Street and Trounce Alley. Phone No. 1429.

FOR ALDERMAN

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for Alderman.

ROBT. DINSDALE.

To the Electors of the City of Victoria

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I am a candidate for re-election as Alderman at the forthcoming election and respectfully solicit your votes and influence.

Sincerely yours,

W. G. CAMERON

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"We must have a clean City. With that end in view I favor the extension of the sewer system wherever necessary, the maintenance of our bathing beaches, and the strict surveillance over streets and over sections of the city that are liable to become a menace to the health of our citizens. I favor the administration of police and fire departments in the interest of the people, and the education of our children should receive first consideration. Without this our greatest asset our material resources would be of very little value, hence I do not hesitate to place the protection and development of our best assets first."

PUBLIC EDUCATION

"The education of our children shall have my hearty support. To maintain our schools to the proper standard of efficiency we must provide the needed equipment and the best possible teachers. The orphan and homeless children must have the same care and training as those in more favored circumstances."

FINANCES

"The administration of the civic finances will have my most careful consideration and attention. To maintain public confidence I shall make searching enquiry into every department of finance. If elected I shall immediately request the Council to give facilities for an independent audit of all our books and accounts. I shall demand an audit of our financial statements and the annual expenditures of the past few years have increased the charges against our income to an alarming extent. Some of the ratepayers find it impossible to meet the taxes, particularly the frontage tax against their property. I assure the electorate that I shall, with the assistance of the other members of the council, endeavor to find some way out of our difficulty. I shall also endeavor to find some scheme that shall equitably meet the difficulty I shall favor requesting the Provincial Government to appoint a commission of experts that shall make recommendations to our City and to other Municipalities that are affected. The assessments in some parts of the City are too high and inequitable. I favor a change in the system of arriving at comparative values of properties."

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FIRE INSURANCE

"The high state of efficiency of our Fire Department, together with our excellent water works system should ensure us lower rates of Fire Insurance. I shall do my best with the local agents and their Insurance Companies to secure more favorable rates for our citizens."

PUBLIC WORKS

"On all public works that will be undertaken this year I favor day labor, giving our own citizens full rights and opportunities in paying good wages and salaries but must have adequate return for the work done. Efficiency should always be properly rewarded. With a view to the securing more efficient service in the various departments, I favor continuing the reorganization of the civic service."

WATER WORKS

"We have a very valuable natural water system. I favor giving consumers the very lowest rates possible to assist them in beautifying their grounds and in developing our local industries. I shall do my best to secure more customers and thus increase our revenue."

MY RECORD

"I point with a certain degree of pride to my five years of continuous service in the City of Victoria, and my membership in the Board of Trade. The Boke Water Works and the Living System, both projected before me, I helped to bring to a successful conclusion. I have endeavored to deal honestly and fairly with all citizens and undertakings. It

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DR. LEWIS HALL, Dental Surgeon, Jewel Block, cor. Yates and Douglas streets, Victoria, B. C. Telephones: Office, 507; Residence, 122. DR. W. F. FRASER, 202-Suburb-Prize Block, Phone 4294. Office hours, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

DR. F. G. KEENE, dentist, has opened offices in the Central Bldg., Suite 412. Phone 4369.

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PRIVATE INVESTIGATIVE OFFICE, 212 Hibben-Bone Bldg. Day and night. Phone 5412.

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GRAY'S LODGE, 728 Johnson. Livery boarding, hacks, express wagon, etc. Phone 182.

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SHAWNIGAN LAKE MILLWOOD—Inside wood, \$2.50 per cord; bark wood, \$2.00 per cord; 4 ft. bark wood, \$2 per cord. Phone 1811.

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FRANK THOMAS, plasterer. Repairing, etc. prices reasonable. Phone 3212. Res. 1750 Albert Ave., city.

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VICTORIA PLUMBING CO., 1053 Pandora street. Phones 2402 and 14601. PLUMBING AND REPAIR—Coll. work, etc. Foxgord & Son, 1608 Douglas St. Phone 796.

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SHIRTS MADE TO ORDER—Complete range of English Oxford, sateen, Custom Shirt Makers, 1866 Chestnut Street. Phone 32821.

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REMOVAL NOTICE—Arthur Hibbs, shoe repairing, has removed to 607 Yates street, between Broad and Government.

SHOE REPAIRING

PROMPTLY and neatly done, reasonably priced. H. White, 1317 Blanshard St., two doors from telephone once.

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THE TORONTO LADIES' TAILOR—Suits from \$20; tailored dresses; skirts cut and tailored from \$20; your own material made up. 1024 Government, opposite the Canadian Pacific Hotel, 1010 Yates and Quadra.

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WHERRY & TOW, 629 Pandora avenue. Phone 3221. High class selection rugs, big game and various heads for sale.

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HELP WANTED—FEMALE

GIRL WANTED, for general house work. Apply Mrs. W. H. Brown, 615 View St.

WANTED—Good girl, for general house work. Apply 150 Menzies street.

WOMAN OR GIRL to pose to artist for figure. Box 1196, Times.

WANTED—Girl, as mother's help, sleep at home. Mrs. Barnard, Phone 2181R.

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ALL BLACK SOIL and manure. Phone 1864.

WANTED—Force pump, capacity 60 gallons per hour, and 600 feet inch pipe. Hills, Rocky Point, B. C.

WANTED—COUPLE would share furnished house, James Bay; exclusive use of kitchen preferred, but not absolutely essential. Phone 281.

WANTED—To rent, one or more acres, suitable for garden, within 10 miles of Victoria. Rent must be cheap. Full circle, rent must be cheap.

WANTED—Two incubators, 120 and 22 eggs, Cyphers or Petaluma. Box 1177.

WANTED—Furniture of all kinds for furnishing, stove, piano, carpets, etc. Excellent condition. Phone 1866.

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WANTED—Gold locket, monogrammed, and old long hair chain; valued as heirloom. E. M. 16. Reward. Phone 1161.

LOST—Eyeglasses in brown leather case. Phone 1639. Reward.

LOST—White fox terrier, black spot on tail, name Colonel. Reward. Any one who finds same will be prosecuted. Phone 1671.

LOST—Turquoise matrix ring. Reward. Phone 5000.

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GOOD HORSE for sale or hire, delivery or farm work. At Brown & Simmonds' Stables.

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Answers to Times Want Ads.

The following replies are waiting to be called:

206, 225, 251, 262, 266, 289, 279, 272, 282, 287, 296, 298, 306, 309, 310, 313, 317, 322, 327, 331, 324, 325, 341, 324, 334, 348, 349, 351.

WOUNDED SOLDIERS SHOW FINE EXHIBITS

All Proceeds of Poultry Show
Go to Red
Cross

The result of the efforts put forth by the officials in charge of the poultry show, which is now in progress at the market building, is proving very satisfactory. To-morrow will be the last day on which the exhibits will be open to the public, and the promoters of the show are very anxious that as many people as possible will visit the market building to see the fowls so that the amount raised by the small admission fee that is being charged will be as large as possible.

LETT'S and Canadian office and pocket diaries. T. N. Hibben & Co.

FULL LINE of Phillips' chocolates in boxes from 2c. up, at Phillips', 142 Government street.

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WHY IS IT so many people ask for the awarding of a number of special prizes that have been donated by merchants of the city, the classifying of the birds has been completed.

The returned wounded soldiers' poultry club winners are as follows:

White Wyandotte, females—1, Pte. McBeth, also the winner of the \$5 cash special and championship badge; 2, Pte Edwards; 3, Sergt.-Major Taylor.

Single comb R. I. Reds, females—1, Pte. H. Thornton, also winner of \$5 cash special and champion silk badge; 2, Pte Edwards; 3, Pte. McBeth.

Buff Orpington, females—1, Pte. H. Thornton, also winner of \$5 cash special and silk champion badge; 2, Pte Edwards; 3, Pte. McBeth.

Belgian hares—1st buck, Pte. Thornton; 1st doe, Pte. Thornton; 2 and 3, Pte. Edwards.

Angoras—1st buck, Pte. McBeth; 1st doe, Pte. McBeth.

Exhibition Pens.

Single comb R. I. Reds—1st pen, D. Nicoll; 2nd pen, Wm. Matthews; 3rd pen, Wm. Matthews.

Ducks.

Pekin ducks—1st pen, F. C. Barr; 2nd pen, F. G. Orr; 1st drake, Mrs. Hawlett; 1st duck, Mrs. Hawlett.

Canaries.

Border fancy canaries—1, Mrs. Wm. Pye; 1st yellow cock, 1st buff cock, 1st variegated cock, Mrs. Wm. Pye.

Single Comb Brown Leghorns—Wm. Kiers, Duncan, all awards.

Single Comb Buff Leghorns—W. E. Nachtrieb, all awards.

Single Comb White Leghorns—Cock: 1st, Wm. Bryden, Victoria; 2nd, E. Henderson, Victoria; 3rd, R. Waterhouse, Langford, B. C. Hen: J. J. Dougan, Cobble Hill; 2nd and 3rd, Robert Brydon, Victoria. Cockerel: 1st, J. J. Dougan, Cobble Hill; 2nd, Wm. Kiers, Duncan, all awards.

Rose Comb Black Minorcas—Cock: 1st, Chas. Ingram, Victoria; 2nd, Andrew Wood, Victoria. Hen: 1st, Andrew Wood, Victoria; 2nd, Charles Ingram, Victoria; 3rd, Mrs. Rudd, Victoria. Cockerel: 1st, Chas. Ingram, Victoria; 2nd, A. Wood, Victoria. Pullets: 1st, Chas. Ingram, Victoria; 2nd, and 3rd, Andrew Wood, Victoria.

Dark Cornish—Cock: 1st, J. Lock & Sons, Esquimalt; 2nd, W. E. Nachtrieb, Victoria; 3rd, Sam Smith, Victoria; Hens: 1st and 2nd, J. Lock & Sons, Victoria; 3rd, W. E. Nachtrieb, Victoria. Cockerel—1st, J. Lock & Sons, Esquimalt. Pullet: 1st and 2, J. Lock & Sons, Esquimalt.

Favosols—J. Sarsat, Maywood, all awards.

Pit Games—Sam Smith, Victoria, all awards.

Bantams—Black Red Game—Melvin Henderson, Victoria, all awards.

White Cochinchin Bantams—Melville Cornett, Victoria, all awards.

Buff Cochinchin Bantams—Hen: 1st, Homer Caviness, Victoria; Cockrel: 1st, Homer Caviness, Victoria; 2nd, Howard Nachtrieb, Victoria. Pullet: 1st, Howard Nachtrieb, Victoria.

Old English Game Bantams—Marie E. West, Victoria, all awards.

Black Cochinchin Bantams—Cock: 1st, Selden Valvert, Victoria; 2nd, Homer Caviness, Victoria; 3rd, Merville Cornett, Victoria; Hen: 1st, Alice Pye, Victoria; 2nd, Homer Caviness, Victoria; 3rd, Robert Brydon, Victoria. Cockerel: 1st, Alice Pye, Victoria; 2nd, Merville Cornett, Victoria; 3rd, Alice Pye, Victoria; 4th, W. Stenson, Victoria. Pullet: 1st, Alice Pye, Victoria; 2nd, Melville Cornett, Victoria.

Any other variety Bantams—Sleekies: Seldon Valvert, Victoria, all awards.

Golden Sebright: Colie McPadin, Victoria, all awards.

Pigeons, Homers—Alice Pye, Victoria, all awards.

Canaries—Wm. Pye, Victoria, all awards.

TO RENT—Menzies Apartments, 1 flat, vacant about Jan. 15. Apply B. C. Land & L Agency, 222 Government street. Phone 125.

CITY MART, 736 Fort street. Higher cash price paid for good second-hand furniture, carpets, stoves, etc. Call or phone 1433.

ONE ACRE, 2-mile circle, 19 fruit trees, all bearing, light, water, etc.; total taxes \$22 year. Pemberton & Son, 38.

TO RENT—Menzies Apartments, 1 flat, vacant about Jan. 15. Apply B. C. Land & L Agency, 222 Government street. Phone 125.

TO RENT—Furnished Menzies Apartments, 1 flat, vacant on January 12. Apply B. C. Land & L Agency, 222 Government street. Phone 125.

HOUSES TO RENT—1059 Oak Bay Ave., corner Amphion, \$12; 101 Rockland Ave., 5-room cottage, \$10; 550 Douglas St., 4-room cottage, \$10; 1717 Fort St., 4-room cottage, \$15; 1468 Dallas Rd., 3-room cottage, \$7.50; 1025 Pandora St., 3-room modern house, \$15; 1338 George St., 3-room modern house, \$15; 1515 Fort St., 7-room dwelling, modern, \$25; 1515 Fort St., 7 roomed dwelling, modern, \$20; 137 Government St., 3-room cottage, \$15; 1015 Craigflower Rd. and Arm St., 1 room cottage, with about 1 acre of land, \$15. B. C. Land & L Agency, 222 Government street. Phone 125.

\$15 MONTH—Well furnished bungalow, NEWLY Second street, near Jubilee hospital. Key next door. JN.

FOR SALE—Jubilee incubators, 100 eggs; also brooder. Phone 5387.

THE END of the Times of the Gentiles Are Upon Us—The Outlook for Ten Thousand Years (from the Book of Covenant People) a Distinguished Work from the Jews. Hear Prof. Odum, Jan. 11 and 12, 8 p.m., Old Victoria Theatre, 35.

FROM MY CHAMPIONSHIP STOCK—Pen high-class White Wyandottes, 5 females and male; also 2 good cockerels; cheap; overstocked. Carey, 929 Carman street.

DIED

CROSSMAN—On the 3rd inst., at her home, 109 Edward street, Mrs. Alice Elizabeth Crossman, beloved wife of William Crossman. The deceased was 64 years of age and born in Lincolnshire, England, and for many years a resident in Lander Park, Durham, England, and a resident of this city for the past five years and six months. She leaves to mourn her loss beside her husband, five sons and one daughter in this city, and two sons, a brother, three sisters and two brothers in England.

The funeral will take place on Saturday, the 6th inst., at 2 o'clock, from the above residence, and 15 minutes later from St. Saviour's church. Rev. Robert Connell will officiate. Interment Ross Bay cemetery.

TO HAVE CONVENTION

CANDIDATE FOR BY-ELECTION TO BE CHOSEN AT PORT ALBERNI, JANUARY 15

MAYORALTY CANVASS IN FULL SWING; SOME NOMINATION PAPERS ALREADY LODGED

A convention of Liberals of the riding of Alberni will be held in Port Alberni on Monday evening, January 15, for the purpose of selecting a candidate to contest that constituency in the by-election which will have to be held before the opening of the legislature late in February.

Hon. H. C. Brewster was returned for Victoria and Alberni, both of which seats became vacant upon his acceptance of office. As he elected to sit for Victoria and was again returned as first member for the capital the vacancy in Alberni continues and has to be filled.

There will be one delegate for every ten members in each district Liberal Association within the constituency, and where there is no association but twenty-five voters reside in a neighbourhood one delegate is allowed.

At the close of the convention the deferred annual meeting of the central association for the electoral district will be held, when officers for 1917 will be elected and other business transacted set for Saturday has been abandoned.

On Monday last a meeting of the Alberni Liberal Association was held to discuss names which would be submitted at the convention as prospective candidates. The names of J. F. Bledsoe and J. R. Motion were chosen for submission and the delegates to be selected at the next regular meeting of the association will be instructed to place these before the convention.

J. H. HAWTHORNTWHAITE

Former Socialist Leader Out as Independent Candidate in Newcastle.

There is already a candidate in the field in Newcastle, which is vacated by the acceptance of a seat on the workers' compensation board by Parker Williams, who has represented that constituency since 1902.

J. H. Haworthntwaight has been asked to be a candidate, and has consented to do so. He stated this morning that he will contest the seat as an independent, and leaves in a day or two to make a tour of the constituency.

Mr. Haworthntwaight was a member of the House from February, 1901, to the close of the twelfth legislature, not being a candidate in 1912. During these years he was leader of the Socialist forces in the House, and was one of those who were instrumental in keeping the McBride government in power during its first session, from 1903 to 1907. In 1908 he resigned to contest the federal seat of Nanaimo against the present provincial minister of finance, who represented that constituency for many years, and on being defeated by Mr. Smith he was once more re-elected to the legislature.

If You Require a Reliable Watch for Xmas at an extremely low price, go to Haynes, Victoria's Watchman, 1124 Government St.

LOST—Brilliant six-pearl earring, between Old Esquimalt road and Gorge. Return to Tillimont P. O. Reward.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WANTED—Store, must be central, rent about \$6 per month. Phone 3040.

LOST—Brilliant six-pearl earring, between Old Esquimalt road and Gorge. Return to Tillimont P. O. Reward.

3rd. Hayers & Aitken, Shawnigan Lake; 4th, E. W. Ellis, Victoria.

Exhibition Pens.

Barred Rocks—Johnson Graham, Victoria.

Buff Orpington—Jas. Wood, Victoria.

Blue Orpington—W. H. Van Arn, Victoria.

Single Comb Black Minorca—1st, Seaview Poultry Farm.

Rose Comb Black Minorca—1st, Andrew Wood, Victoria; 2nd, Chas. Ingram, Victoria.

Single Comb White Leghorn—1st, J. Douglas, Cobble Hill.

Dark Cornish—J. Lock & Son, Esquimalt.

White Cornish—F. Buxton, Rod Hill.

Italian Buttercup—Havers & Aitken, Shawnigan Lake.

PREPARE RETURNS FOR COMPENSATION ACT

LINEN SHOWER TO FURNISH "RESTHAVEN"

Subject is Under Consideration To-day; Health Department Inquiry

Gifts May Be Delivered at Government House To-morrow Afternoon

At streets committee of council this afternoon City Engineer Rust has arranged to bring up the question of making the necessary returns affecting the departments under him—waterworks, parks, sewers and garbage collection—under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

The electrician has already returned the forms for his department. The fire and police departments returns have also to be made. Apparently the city workmen will come under class 7 of the act, covering contracting work and similar lines of construction, building, roads, etc.

Doubtless the incoming council will be required to make provision when the estimates are taken up for the assessment to be levied under the act. It will prove a substantial sum, just how much no one seems yet to know.

As a matter of fact, under the act the city will undoubtedly be a loser, since there have been very few accidents, and although the city has done a great deal of construction work in heavy rock cuts for waterworks and sewers in recent years, the actual amount of compensation paid has been small. No contracting firm would have carried out so much work without a fatal accident, and it is due to the careful rules observed in the use of

A meeting was fixed for three o'clock for the formal organization of the new board, after which it will promptly get down to business.

The actuarial calculations as to the rates to be assessed on the various groups of industries for 1917 have all been made, and after consideration by the board will be given the force of an order and will then go into effect.

The organization of the staff of the commission will be proceeded with at once, in which work the same principle of economy with efficiency that is being put in force all through the provincial service will be observed. Only such officials as are necessary to the working out of the act will be employed, and there will be no loading up of the service with needless people.

It is not a very pleasant position for the three members of the committee, particularly in the midst of an election, to tackle a question which must entail some one's dismissal, since the evidence at the inquiry shows that the department is not large enough for all the present officials to dwell together in harmony.

One suggestion which appears to find considerable favor is that the resignations should be asked for by the committee, and that the officials should have an opportunity to apply when the new council advertises the positions later.

Reference has already been made in these columns on the subject matter of the case between the corporation of the city of Victoria and the corporation of the district of Oak Bay, which was before Mr. Justice Murphy for hearing this morning in the supreme court. The question at issue is an important one. The salient feature is the necessity of securing a decision as to whether Oak Bay, as the defendant corporation, is liable to contribute towards the Victoria municipality as the plaintiff, for the support of the High school. That is a per capita grant for each pupil attending the said school from Oak Bay based upon the proportion which the cost of each such pupil in attendance bears to the total maintenance of the High school.

The plaintiff claims that theirs is a city municipality under the Municipal Act and not a district in the meaning of the Public Schools Act, as being different from a district municipality within the meaning of the Municipalities Incorporation Act, Municipal Act and Public Schools Act.

The plaintiff claims the sum of \$762.50 in respect of tuition fees up to and including the year ending June 30, 1916, for those pupils residing in the defendant municipality who have been attending the Victoria High school. In the event of judgment not being returned in favor of the plaintiff, it was asked that the reverse decision be made and the action dismissed with costs taxed on the supreme court scale.

Alderman Porter's campaign workers will welcome any inquiries, either personally at the committee rooms, or to telephone No. 865. They are located at Pandora and Broad.

At Alderman Todd's headquarters, corner of Broad and Trousseau alley, telephone 1479, a number of exhibits are on view, expressing the candidate's views on the election of police commissioners, the effort to secure public access to the Johnson street bridge, the construction of the new highway bridge, and answers to election rumors.

The tenth new candidate for aldermanic honors is announced to-day, in the person of F. W. Vincent, a member of the council of 1902, 1903, 1904, 1906 and 1907, and since then has been twice unsuccessful. He is well known citizen and prominent member of the board of directors of the Jubilee hospital.

CANADIAN NORTHERN PAYS UP ARREARS

Will Sign Agreement for Use of Westminster Bridge by Its Trains

FIRM ACTION TAKEN BY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS

Some Nine Thousand Dollars of Overdue Rentals Remitted to Treasury

One of the little side-issues in the Canadian Northern Pacific railway's dealings with the province is the use it makes of the Westminster bridge, a provincially-owned structure which spans the Fraser river between the Royal City and Port Mann; the railway owns the protection of the banks of the Fraser, especially in the neighborhood of Nicomen Island, is one which calls for early action.

There are some other departmental matters which the premier will take up with Sir Robert Borden and members of his cabinet while in Ottawa. Mr. Brewster will make a hurried trip, as it is necessary that he get back to work here just as quickly as possible.

During the absence of the premier, Hon. John Oliver will be acting premier and president of the council.

OBITUARY RECORD

Early this morning the little son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Goggin died at their home, 1026 Southgate street, after a short illness with childish trouble. The little lad was just three on New Year's Day, and was a bright, lovable child. The deepest sympathy will be felt with Mr. and Mrs. Goggin in their loss. The funeral, which will be private, will take place at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning from the Sands Funeral parlors to Ross Bay cemetery. Rev. H. S. Osborne will officiate.

When the new government came into office and Hon. John Oliver began to delve into the railway problems which called for solution he found this among many others. He also found that the company owed the province an aggregate of \$9,000 as its rental for the use of the bridge, and the two instalments due in January last and in July.

He took the matter up at once, as well as other aspects of the railway situation, and with the same firmness which is marking his handling of the whole of the affairs of the assisted railways. He insisted that the arrears must be paid and that the agreement must be signed. There was no question of negotiation or palaver of any sort. The railway simply was not living up to its side of the bargain in this regard, showing the same disregard to its undertakings as in, for instance, the simultaneous construction of the Island section and the main line.

What Hon. Mr. Oliver did was to notify the company that it must pay up what it owed and sign an agreement covering the terms upon which the use of the bridge would be allowed, or the user would have to stop. Thirty days was given it in which to meet this demand, and the time expired last night.

Before the time was up the money was paid, and presumably the instalment due this month will be promptly remitted. Last night Sir William MacKenzie wired the minister of railways that the company was prepared to sign an agreement, as called for, in its contract with the province.

It may be said that the same energy which has been shown in this minor detail of the relations of the province and the railway company enters into the handling of the entire situation.

Haynes Repairs Jewelry satisfactorily and reasonably.

CONTROLS MAIZE TRADE.

London, Jan. 5.—Announcement was made to-day that the government had taken complete control of the maize trade beginning to-day, on lines similar to its control of wheat.

FOR PRISONERS-OF-WAR

Victoria and District Red Cross Appeals for More Generous Support.

WILL NOT SIGN CARDS.

Montreal, Jan. 5.—The Montreal Trades and Labor Council last night decided not to sign the national service cards, and the action of the executive of the Trades Congress of Canada in recommending that trades unionists sign was denounced.

ESTABLISHED - 1875 IMPERIAL BANK OF CANADA

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PELEG HOWLAND, PRESIDENT.

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VICTORIA BRANCH

A. R. GREEN, Manager

The Canada National Fire Insurance Company

DIVIDEND NOTICE

We beg to advise that the Directors of the Canada National Fire Insurance Company have declared a dividend on the paid-up capital stock of the Company, being at the rate of six per cent. per annum for the year ending December 31, 1916.

The same will be payable at the office of the Company, 616 View Street, on and after January 4, 1917.

R. W. PERRY,
Branch Manager.

W. T. ALEXANDER,
Managing Director.

PREMIER LEAVES FOR OTTAWA CONFERENCE

Went Over to Mainland This Afternoon and Goes East To-night

Hon. H. C. Brewster, premier of the province, left this afternoon for Ottawa, to take part in the conference which is to be held there on Wednesday next in regard to the policy to be adopted in regard to the returned soldiers.

In addition to this the premier has several matters of provincial concern to take up. There is a matter of provincial subsidy which he intends to discuss; it is desirable that there should be some sort of reclamation scheme adopted in connection with the lands which the Dominion government owns on Sumas prairie, and the matter of the protection of the banks of the Fraser, especially in the neighborhood of Nicomen Island, is one which calls for early action.

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LOCAL NEWS

F. L. Haynes, 1124 Government St. The store for reliable watch and jewelry repairs.

A Real Health Producer.—It is an old theory which still has many believers that children should not be allowed to eat candy. Medical men say such a theory is all wrong. Children and adults should eat candy and lots of it. Nature demands a considerable amount of sugar, and pure candy, instead of being injurious or causing tooth-rot, as is often stated by parents is a real health producer. Special for Friday and Saturday: Mixed Butters, 20c per lb., unequalled for flavor and quality, 14 gold and silver medals and numerous diplomas awarded to Wiper's for excellence and purity of their manufactures. Wiper & Co., 1210 Douglas St. and 607 Yates St.

National School Opening.—The Provincial Normal School will re-open on January 15. All applications for both preliminary and advanced courses should be made as soon as possible before that date.

Oak Bay Council.—The regular meeting of the Oak Bay council was held last evening at the municipal hall. Routine business was conducted and the bank-by-law was passed its final reading.

Saanich Municipal Election.—It is announced to-day that F. V. Hobbs, a former councillor, will contest Ward III. Saanich next week. Councilor Somers is in the field for re-election, having already served two terms.

City Basketball League.—The first two games of the league will be played to-morrow evening at the Willows Camp. The game between the First Presbyterians and the Victoria High School starts at 7:30, and will be followed by a match between the Willows Camp and the Firemen at 8:30.

Long Executive Session.—There was a prolonged sitting of the provincial executive yesterday afternoon and last night, in prospect of the premier's absence for some days. A number of matters of importance were discussed and considerable advancement made towards settlement of these. One of the matters dealt with was that of the situation in South Vancouver, as disclosed by the deputation which waited upon the government this week. A number of matters of departmental routine were passed upon.

Wins Automobile.—R. Hudson, 940 Fullerton avenue, of the meter department, B. C. Electric Company, has won the Chevrolet car offered by O'Connell's, Ltd., Government street, to the person who guessed most correctly the number of beans in the bottle which was displayed for some time in one of their windows. There were 25,000 guesses in all, and five competitors made the correct answer: R. Jameson, of Jameson & Rolfe; Gordon Miller, of Short Hill & Duncan; R. Hudson, as above; Mrs. E. L. Crawford, Fairfield road, and Miss B. Crawford. Owing to being five correct answers the five successful competitors had to be brought together to guess a second time, this time the winner being R. Hudson, who guessed the number of beans in the second bottle to be 197. The correct number was 187. Mr. Hudson will receive his car immediately.

Word was received yesterday by Mrs. Maynard, of 101 Michigan street, that her father, Henry Winter, had passed away at the family home, Chelsea, Mich., at the age of 62.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon of Charles N. Woodcock, Ensign Merritt, of the Salvation Army, conducting the services. The remains were shipped to Seattle last night for cremation, and the ashes will afterwards be forwarded to California for interment.

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Mr. Maynard, of 101 Menzie street, wife of William Maynard, auctioneer, received word yesterday of the sudden death of her father, Henry Winter, of Chelsea, Michigan, at the age of 57.

Controls Maize Trade.

Resolution Adopted by Senate Does Not Endorse Note Itself

Denies New Note

IS BEING PREPARED

State Department at Washington Issues Statement After Cabinet Meeting

Washington, Jan. 5.—The state department late to-day authorized the statement that President Wilson was not contemplating sending another peace note.

Following the cabinet meeting Secretary Lansing announced that President Wilson had authorized him to say the American government had no other note in contemplation, and that such information was being sent to all American diplomatic representatives abroad.

Secretary Lansing would not discuss the question further, but it was understood that the reason for the announcement was apprehension on the part of the administration that reports that another note would be sent would affect the entente reply to the president.

The first note is expected here in the near future. Counselor Polk gave out the following:

"The report that the president is preparing to send a new note to the belligerent powers is false and without any foundation. The president has no second note in contemplation."

COURTS TO DECIDE WINNIPEG MAYORALTY

Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—The courts are to decide who is to be mayor of Winnipeg, for 1917. This afternoon, following the result of the re-count which declared Ald. F. H. Davidson leader in the mayoralty contest by 20 votes, Mayor D. J. Dyson filed a formal protest with the city clerk on the grounds of general irregularities.

WILL NOT COMPLY WITH ALLIES' DEMANDS

London, Jan. 5.—The Greek government, acting in harmony with the king, has decided to reject certain clauses of the entente note demanding reparation in consequence of the recent fighting at Athens, Reuter's correspondent at Athens telegraphs.

THREE STEAMERS SUNK.

London, Jan. 5.—Lloyd's agency announces the sinking of the Spanish steamer San Leandro, of 1,616 tons, and the Greek steamers Dimitrios Goulandris, 3,741 tons, and Aristotele Giannou.

TORNADO CLAIMS

ELEVEN VICTIMS

Schoolhouse is Demolished, Number of Pupils Being Crushed to Death

Muskogee, Okla., Jan. 5.—The second tornado to visit this section of the country within two weeks swept an intermittent path across Oklahoma and Arkansas yesterday, claiming a total of eleven lives, all school children, and so injuring many more that it was believed to-day that the death list would mount much higher.

All the loss of life and the bulk of the property damage was effected in the valley town of Vireton, Okla., 12 miles northeast of McAlester. Preparations were being made for the noon dismissal at the country school there when the tornado entered the valley and swooped down on the village. The schoolhouse was dashed off its foundation and children and timbers were buried through the air by the fury of the blast. Bodies were picked up a hundred yards away where the schoolhouse stood, being blown across a ravine and well up on the opposite hillside. The dead scholars ranged from 6 to 18 years old. Four are believed to be so badly injured that their death is momentarily expected.

The Choctaw Indian mission at Vireton was destroyed. Rochville and Quinton, Okla., the latter 20 miles northeast of Vireton, also suffered from the tornado.

London, Jan. 5.—Confidence in the effect of Germany's submarine campaign is expressed by Captain Persius, the German naval critic, in his review of the naval war in the Berlin Tageblatt, according to a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam. Captain Persius says: "We firmly believe that the commercial shipping of our enemies will become still less active in 1917. This will be accomplished by our daily growing submarine weapon. Our confidence for the new year is based on the expectation that our submarines will continue with growing success the process of wearing away the economic life of our enemies."

WILSON'S SECRETARY WILL GIVE EVIDENCE

To Appear Before Committee Investigating Charges of "Leak"

MONTRÉAL STOCKS

(By Burdick Brothers, Limited.)

Montreal, Jan. 5.—Closing prices in today's local market were slightly below yesterday's final, although the market sold off during the day, owing to the weakness in New York and the less favorable view taken of the European political situation.

The rally near the close brought most issues up to near the best of the day. There is a tendency toward less activity in Canadian shares and traders seem to be waiting for a more definite trend in the larger markets before taking a decided position on either side of the market. There was no news to explain the weakness in Canadian Pacific.

High. Low Close

Annie Holden

Brasilian Trac.

B. C. Fish.

C. P. R.

Can. Cement, com.

Can. Car Fly. com.

Can. S. S. com.

Can. pref.

Can. Locomotive.

Civie Inv. & Ind.

Cons. & S.

Dom. United.

Dom. Bridges.

Dom. I. & S.

Dom. Textile.

Lake of Woods Milling.

Laurentide Co.

Laurentide Power.

Lyall Constn. Co.

Maple Leaf Mil.

Montreal Tram.

Montreal Cotton.

MacDonald Co.

N. S. Steel. com.

Ontario United.

Ontario Paper.

Ogallala Milling Co.

Ogallala, Ind.

Peterson, Ltd.

Quebec Steel.

Ridson Paper.

Shawinigan.</

COUNCIL OF BOARD DOES MUCH BUSINESS

Report of Harbors and Navigation Committee Ready for Presentation

A full attendance of members of the council of the Victoria Board of Trade was presided over by Mr. C. H. Lugrin this morning.

The question of roads was introduced on the reading of a letter from an interior board of trade, when it was decided to endorse the general principle of motor roads wherever practicable.

The Esquimalt graving dock committee presented a copy of a resolution, which has already appeared in the press, and in view of the fact that the Victoria board is working along the same lines, it was decided to bring the whole matter before a full meeting of the board on Friday next. A memorial in connection with this matter was presented to Sir Robert Borden on the occasion of his recent visit to the city.

The Associated Boards of Trade of Ontario asked Victoria's board endorsement of the general principle of daylight saving. The board had already gone on record in its favor and had asked the last session of the provincial legislature to make it effective as quickly as possible.

The committee on harbors and navigation presented the following report, a copy of which will be submitted to the provincial government by a committee on a date to be arranged:

"Your committee on harbors and navigation, considering it desirable that a statement in writing should be presented to the provincial government indicating the views of this Board of Trade in respect to the development of the former Indian reserve, beg to submit the following:

"It is essential that no time should be lost in providing communication between the city and the reserve; therefore the immediate construction of the proposed Johnson street bridge can not be urged too strongly."

"During the period of construction of this bridge the new main road to Esquimalt should be carried to completion; and

"The preparation for occupation of this bridge by the new main road to Esquimalt should be carried to completion; and

"The preparation for occupation of the industrial sites to be proceeded with concurrently."

"Attention should be directed to the wish of this Board of Trade that in carrying out any development works on the former Indian reserve nothing shall be done which will interfere with the proposed construction at a later date of suitable bridge connection between Songhee Point and Laurel Point in order to bring this industrial centre into closer proximity to the ocean docks."

"Lest the main feature of these recommendations be overlooked, we would impress upon the government that the utilization of any of these development works is practically dependent upon the Johnson street bridge connection between the city and the reserve."

"All of which is respectfully submitted,

"F. A. PAULINE,
Chairman."

The committee of the Board of Trade presented to Sir Robert Borden a memorial under the heads of dry dock, establishment of iron and steel works, metalliferous mining, labor contracts, shipbuilding and the defense of the Pacific ocean. Sir Robert has stated that he will place the several matters in the proper channels on receipt of the same in an amplified form, which matter will be attended to.

The following resolution was passed on the minutes of the board with regard to the National Service cards now in circulation: "That this council learns with satisfaction that the National Service cards are being completed and returned in large numbers and would urge that it is the duty of everyone to comply promptly with the government's request and so make the response from British Columbia practically unanimous."

The meeting then adjourned.

PROTESTANT ORPHANAGE

Long List of Contributors to Children's Christmas Enjoyment Thanked.

The ladies' committee of the B. C. Protestant Orphanage held its first meeting of the year on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. McTavish presiding. The house committee, Messedames J. F. Todd and Wm. MacLean, presented an interesting report, thanking the many contributors who had assisted the home during the past year, and also those who had helped to make the children happy with outings and entertainments. Special mention was made of the work done by Miss Hanna, the children's teacher, and thanks expressed to Mrs. Barnard who had sent tickets for the youngsters to attend a performance of "Puss in Boots."

Commissioner Cuthbert has accepted an invitation to speak at the Rotary Club, Seattle, next Wednesday, when his subject will be "The Pacific Northwest; the International Playground, Where Nature Smiles the Year Round."

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VICTORIAN AVIATOR'S ACCIDENTAL DEATH

Flight-Lieut. W. Fatt Loses His Life on Aviation Trial Grounds

The sad news reached here by cable yesterday that Flight-Lieut. W. M. Fatt, son of Rev. F. H. and Mrs. Fatt, of 344 Simcoe street, had been killed during an experimental flight at Cramlington, near Newcastle, where he had been stationed for some time.

The young aviator, who was only twenty-four years of age, was born in Exeter, Ontario, lived for about six years in California with his parents, but came to Victoria some seven years ago when his people removed here. He was well known in the city, having a wide circle of friends who will be much grieved to hear of his death.

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He was a year in France subsequently with the 2nd Divisional Cyclists' corps, returning to England at the end of that time he trained with the flying corps, never, however, leaving the Canadian service. He practically completed the course when the accident which brought about his death happened.

Besides his parents there are living Victoria two younger brothers, one of whom, Norman, is in the King's printing office, Parliament buildings, the other being still at school. A third brother is serving with the colors, having gone from here last May with the 2nd Battery of the 15th Brigade, under Colonel Ogilvie.

Lieut. Fatt was employed in the printing department at the government buildings up to the time of leaving Victoria, and previous to that had been with the Colonist Printing and Publishing company. His wife and two children were with him for the week previous to the accident, having only recently gone overseas to join him.

Two directors of the association, J. E. Vaughan and J. L. Beckwith, are also expecting to leave this afternoon to attend the meeting to-morrow.

The work that has culminated in the linking up of Victoria with the large cities of the Pacific Northwest is already beginning to be apparent, said Mr. Cuthbert this morning. This was illustrated by a letter received yesterday from Mark Woodruff, secretary in charge of publicity and conventions of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, addressed to Commissioner Cuthbert in his capacity as secretary of the Pacific Northwest Tourist Association. The letter in part is as follows:

"The National Education Association has awarded the 1917 convention to Portland; and this is to advise that the dates of July 7th to 14th inclusive have been selected. Railroad rates have not yet been established by the Passengers Association, but I am informed that a meeting will be held in Chicago on the 5th of January to settle that detail, and you will undoubtedly catch the item in the newspapers."

"The convention was secured by Portland through the co-operation of the educators of Washington, Idaho and Oregon, and was the result of a strong desire on the part of delegates to further conventions to visit the Northwest. This desire has been expressed by a large number of prominent people in this association, therefore, Portland is not going to make any endeavor to keep the delegates here to the exclusion of visits to other interesting sections of the Northwest, and we should be very glad indeed if your association could see its way clear to issue a folder and circularize the teachers of the country to show the advantage of a vacation season in this section of the world."

"We want them to attend the convention, and either coming to or departing from the convention hope they will visit every section of the three states. Our printed matter will follow these suggested lines. We are expecting 30,000 delegates."

Commissioner Cuthbert pointed out the significance of this. In every large convention that came to the Pacific Northwest, Victoria would have a part.

The ready money that would come into Victoria through the floating population, from the 15th of this month until the end of the year, would probably exceed the revenue derived from all other sources, he maintained, such was going to be the immense volume of traffic for 1917.

For the past month of December the travel from the Canadian Northwest had been abnormally large, but this was not to be compared with what was booked for the next two months.

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go on record against the weakening of the imperial tie, declaring there is no reason for alarm. Considering the extent of the country, the outbreaks of a disturbed populace have been limited, and have been kept well in hand.

Indian textile industries, he states, have suffered very seriously from the shortage of dye stuffs, for the stocks of vegetable dyes have been difficult to secure to replace aniline dyes, formerly imported from Germany. The cultivation of native dyes had been neglected, and Indian firms, like those elsewhere, were caught in the shortage.

PTE. CARTER WOUNDED

Soldier Previously Reported Missing Now Known to Be Injured.

Mrs. W. Harper, of 2917 Quadra street, has been officially notified that her son, Pte. W. J. Carter, reported missing, is now officially reported wounded. Pte. Carter was previously wounded, being buried by shell explosion for seven hours before he was discovered and taken back to hospital for treatment, his back being badly injured at that time. He had only been at the front again four days, having returned to the trenches on December 14. He was wounded the second time on December 18.

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The board is composed of the leading men in the musical world in England among whom are Sir Alex. Mackenzie and Sir Hubert Parry; the examiners include among their number such well-known men as Oscar Berninger, Eaton Fanning, Plunkett Greene, Sir Walter Parratt, Sir Charles Stanford. The examiners for Canada last year included Prof. Charles Farford Lloyd and Mr. Arthur Hilton.

One exhibition, entitling the holder to free musical tuition at the Royal Academy or the Royal College, London, for not less than two years will be offered in Canada in 1917, besides a gold medal and a silver medal for honor marks.

The following pupils were successful in passing the written examinations in theory and grammar of music, held in November last at the High school:

Local centre rudiments—Clarice E. V. Cameron (who also passed in solo singing last summer), Vivian P. Moggy and Hachimori Mandokoro.

Grammar of music, div. 3—Anna Wilna Luxton, Eleanor Luxton and Marjory Mitchell.

Grammar of music, div. 2—Margaret Bolt.

Grammar of music, div. 1—Nellie Dundas, Gladys Garscic, Rachel McLaughlin and Kathleen Whittome.

The next examination will take place Saturday, April 28. Intending candidates should apply to Francis P. Fatt, honorary local representative, 601 Trutch street, Victoria.

SAANICH ELECTION

Steps Will Be Taken to Organize Campaign at Downtown Office.

The next meeting in the Saanich election will take place Monday evening, when the gathering is set for Gordon Head. Much greater interest will attach to the meeting of the Central Ratepayers' Association on that date, when after nominations are in, the association will be in a position to endorse candidates or otherwise. There is a considerable divergence of opinion on the subject of the nominees for reeve among the members of the association, some of whom have expressed themselves emphatically on the subject. Judging from last evening's experience at Saanich, the whole contest is likely to be interesting.

It is understood, owing to the absolute necessity of getting the non-resident voters to the poll, many of whom reside in the city, that an office will be opened downtown for the information of voters. An announcement on the matter may be expected shortly.

MILITARY ITEMS.

Col. Duff Stuart, officer commanding district No. 11, has not yet fully recovered from a severe cold contracted during his stay in Vancouver over the holidays, and when seen this morning was still suffering from painful horse-noses.

Other speakers, apart from the member, F. A. Pauline, M.P.P., who has accepted an invitation to attend, will include Sergt.-Major Manning.

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News has been received to the effect that Capt. the Rev. J. F. Wiseman, chaplain to the 17th Battalion, has been suffering from a serious attack of bronchitis in England, and acting under medical instructions he is returning to British Columbia. Capt. Wiseman is well known at the coast and in the interior, where for upwards of two years he has been rector of St. Paul's, Kamloops. The Rev. R. C. Littler, of Victoria, officiated in the room of Capt. Wiseman, until his recent return to his home in the city.

Miss Kathleen Oldfield has been invited to unveil the honor roll of the men from the municipality who have enlisted, about 400 being on the temporary list. Reeve McGregor and other members of the council will speak with regard to national service.

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SAANICH CANDIDATES AT LIVELY MEETING

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FERNWOOD RED CROSS BRANCH ORGANIZED

Enthusiastic Meeting Held Last Night at Girls' Central School

A Fernwood sub-committee of the Victoria and District Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society was organized at a well attended meeting held last evening at the Girls' Central school. T. H. Slater, district Red Cross organizer, was in the chair, and outlined the Red Cross work-pointing out the need for more Red Cross workers, more subscriptions, and greater assistance in all departments to meet the great and ever increasing demands for Red Cross supplies. F. W. Jones, chairman of the Victoria branch, expressed pleasure at the size of the meeting, which augured well for the life of the new branch which was to be organized. He hoped they would meet with every success.

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The Municipal Act requires the annual financial statement to be published by the second Monday in the year. Under the very best of conditions it is a strenuous task to accomplish this. I have on several occasions spoken to Mr. Jackson of the advisability of disregarding the 1st of January as a public holiday so as to lose as little time as possible. Not only was this not done, but the work was positively neglected on days that were not public holidays, with the result that the books were presented to me in a disgraceful condition, necessitating my wasting much time in having corrections made, which should have been done before the books were handed to me. At this time the absence of responsible administration became particularly apparent.

Finally, I would say that I am greatly disappointed in the work of the office not being more satisfactory. Probably my remarks appear somewhat severe, but that is not so, as I can quote other instances to prove beyond a doubt the absence of responsible control of the office and lack of efficient executive qualities.

"Now then," said Reeve McGregor when he had finished reading, "it was during the regime of Mr. Nicholson as Reeve that these conditions were permitted to exist in the municipal offices of the district. It was the duty of Mr. Nicholson to see to it that the affairs of the office were settled correctly each day, but instead of so doing he seems to have neglected his responsibility entirely."

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SWITZERLAND AN INTERMENT CAMP

Business Good in Zurich Despite Strained Economical Conditions.

It is not very difficult to gauge the serious economic conditions prevalent in the average German city and rural district to-day. If reports continually reaching this country from varied sources are to be in any way relied upon, those conditions are not only serious in Germany herself but in the remaining neutral countries contiguous to Central Europe. Some thoroughly reliable information has been received recently by a well-known resident of the city in a communication from relatives in Zurich, Switzerland. In the letter the writer does not disguise the conditions which face the little Alpine republic; on the other hand, and contrary to the popular belief, he states that as far as Zurich is concerned, at any rate, business is good. Switzerland, depending as she does very materially on the premier tourist trade of Europe, has apparently found some measure of substitute in the fact that she is, and so described by this correspondent, virtually one huge internment camp.

Butter, eggs and sugar he speaks of as being difficult to obtain and even then almost beyond the reach of the average purse. Of eggs, he has not seen one for more than a month. Describing war time rye bread he states that while moderately palatable on the day it is baked, the following day it is often not resembles a stone.

His pity goes out to the poor who in many cases have been living on coffee, milk and potatoes three times a day, and in view of an exceptionally wet summer the potato crop has been a failure, which will result in untold hardship. Italy, states the writer, has come to the rescue in some measure by allowing the entrance of corn into the republic. He speaks of the necessity of Swiss troops being constantly on the alert along the border, and while the whole nation is undergoing the most trying time in its history, they are ever ready and willing to take up their share of actualities if needs be. It is quite possible in the near future that in addition to the vast number of exchanged prisoners domiciled upon Zurich that Austrians, Russians and Italians will soon swell the numbers.

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The meeting of the candidates for reeve in the municipality of Saanich last evening at Keating's hall became very interesting when Reeve McGregor, who is this year retiring from his position on the council to enter the field for school trustee, took the floor and in support of Councilor Borden, who is running for reeve, read the report of the auditor of the municipal books for the year 1913, as a denunciation of the methods of administration under J. Nicholson, who is entering the field against Mr. Borden.

Before reading the report Mr. McGregor said, "If any one is able to prove that this document which I am about to disclose is not true I will immediately donate to the Red Cross Society a cheque for the amount of \$500. Reeve McGregor then read the following extracts from the auditor's report:

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